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AROUND THE COUNTY

By Charles V. Stanton

The Lower Umpqua area has a new tourist attraction according to the *Port Umpqua Courier*, Reedsport. This new drawing card is the oil derrick installed on Spencer Creek, 25 miles up Smith River from Gardiner. The General Petroleum Corporation is conducting the wildcat exploration for oil under the name "Long Bell No. 1." The title was adopted because the well is on land leased from the Long Bell Lumber Co.

Residents of the area, the Reedsport newspaper reports, are flocking to the well site to watch the equipment in operation.

Also reported is the tale of the "big fish that got away," — for which the fisherman was extremely thankful. George Williams, Reedsport druggist, with his daughter Mary Helen, was fishing off Salmon Harbor, so the story goes. He had just hooked a silver salmon and was playing the fish, when, in calm water, his skiff suddenly heeled over until water poured over the gunwale.

A "black colored fish," believed to have been a small whale, had come up underneath the boat and lifted it partially out of the water. Fortunately the boat did not capsize.

Recovering from surprise and fright, Williams proceeded to land his salmon.

It is most pleasing to observe that the *Port Umpqua Courier* has in its current issue one of "Bill" Tugman's editorials. The publisher has been confined to the hospital and his home for several weeks because of a heart attack. It is good to see him back in print if not in circulation.

Pool Campaign Progressing

Both news and editorial support is given by the *Myrtle Creek Mail* to that community's public swimming pool campaign. The project is sponsored by the Lions Club. It is proposed to construct a pool to serve the whole South Douglas area, utilizing a site on city-owned property. The plan calls for a pool which eventually can be enclosed and utilized throughout the entire year.

Raising \$80,000, the initial goal, by public subscription is not an easy task, nor is it impossible. The per capita contribution, would be considerably less than the majority of residents will spend for smokes, cokes, candy, theater tickets, etc., during the year.

A swimming pool is becoming virtually a necessity as our communities grow in size. Drownings in this county in late years furnish evidence of the need for facilities where youngsters may be taught to swim before they venture into dangerous water.

The Myrtle Creek Lions are not facing an easy task but it is a most meritorious project, and it is to be hoped that they receive community wide help and cooperation.

The Myrtle Creek newspaper also reports plans to obtain a new city hall. The city recently disposed of a tract of timber for \$43,520. Purchase of the building formerly used by Umpqua Plywood for business offices is under investigation. If any money is left after purchase or construction of a city hall, the surplus will go to the swimming pool fund.

Coming Events Listed

Coming events are given a big play by the *Sutherlin Sun* and the *Drain Enterprise*.

Sutherlin is very busy with arrangements for its annual Timber Days, to be celebrated Aug. 10, 11, 12. This event is growing each year in program, attendance and interest.

Drain and Yoncalla are participating today in the dedication ceremonies of the Southern Oregon Hospital for Crippled Children, Inc., at Boswell Springs. This very worthy project points to a rehabilitation center for physically handicapped youngsters. The North Douglas community has been giving excellent cooperation to the establishment of the institution.

Simultaneously, work has been in progress on arrangements for the North Douglas Community Fair to be held in Drain, Aug. 29, 30 and 31.

Always a top show, the community fair this year promises to be the best ever, the *Enterprise* proclaims, and, judging from the listed activities, the newspaper is perfectly safe in making its prediction.

Other scheduled county events include the Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals rodeo at Myrtle Creek Aug. 17-18, and the Nickel-Sawdust Jubilee at Riddle, Aug. 9 and 10.

Observing all the entertainment features listed throughout the county, it is understandable why the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce puts out a folder entitled, "It's Fun To Live in the Umpqua Valley."

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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to Washington in the past couple of decades a very large share of what were once the exclusive functions of our states, our cities and our counties.

Washington has become to a surprising extent the state house for all the states, the court house for all the counties and the city hall for all the cities. Because of what has happened along that line, we have seen too much of our government in Washington become so huge and so unwieldy that no single living man can comprehend it. Along with this trend toward concentration of government in the national capital we have seen a fabulous increase in the COST of government. I'm personally sure it will be better for all of us — and for our children after us — if we keep the administration of our schools as close to home as possible.

In these days, every state has its tax problems. Every county has its tax problems. Every city has its tax problems. This being true, it is understandable why a federal appropriation for school construction has its appeal.

But we must remember that

ALL tax money comes out of the pockets of the people. In the long run, it makes little difference whether the tax money is taken out of our pockets by the federal government or the local governments.

It does, however, make this difference: When we send our tax money to Washington and expect Washington to send it back to us we discover in the end that it has shrunk considerably in the transfer back and forth.

Stanley Earl Opposes Reopening Desert Room

PORTLAND — Commissioner Stanley Earl cast the lone dissenting vote Thursday as the City Council decided to let Nate Zusan keep his restaurant license at the Desert Room, a night club. Zusan, who has been nicknamed the "Mark of Stark," earlier this year was a witness at the Portland phase of hearings conducted by the Senate rackets committee.

The council's hearing came after the Oregon Liquor Control Commission charged Zusan's club with serving a minor, and revoked its license for seven days.



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — A fight for Hawaiian shipping rights between two U.S. companies illustrates many of the problems in the current round of congressional investigations into overconcentration in American industry, freedom of competition and regulation of monopolies.

This case hangs on a recent Federal Maritime Board decision denying Pacific Far East Line the right to have ships on its unsubsidized U.S.-Guam-Japan route call at Hawaii three times a month to pick up or discharge cargo.

Matson Navigation Co. has provided service between the U.S. Pacific Coast and Hawaii for over 70 years. With an investment of 35 million dollars, it has built up its business to the point that it now handles 35 per cent of the traffic. Since Hawaii is American territory, this route is considered "coastwise" shipping. As such it is entitled to certain protection under the American Merchant Marine Act.

MATSON DOES NOT receive a subsidy for its Hawaii service, though it is subsidized on its wholly owned Oceanic Steamship Co. route to Australia. Pacific Far East Line also receives a subsidy on another route to Japan and Hong Kong.

The question raised by PFEL is whether it constitutes a monopoly which should be opened to further competition.

One additional factor here is that three of Matson's directors are high officials on three of Hawaii's "Big Five" companies that have dominated the islands' agricultural industries for many years. Practically all of Hawaii's sugar and pineapples move to the U.S. in Matson ships.

Three years ago American President Lines and Pacific Far East applied to Federal Maritime Board for the right to carry cargo to and from Hawaii. Later APL withdrew.

AFTER A YEAR and a half of hearings, 7,500 pages of testimony and 1,750 exhibits, FMB Examiner E. J. Horan found that PFEL's application would not result in unfair competition. But the full board reversed the examiner's recommendation.

Federal Maritime Board operates as an independent agency within Department of Commerce. Its decisions are not subject to approval by the president, as are Civil Aeronautics Board's.

But refusing to be stopped by the Maritime Board's two-to-one opinion against it, Pacific Far East promptly filed application for review and took the case to court in two suits.

In District of Columbia Federal Court PFEL has filed suit against the three Maritime Board members individually, with Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks thrown in as a fourth defendant, for supporting a "near perfect monopoly."

In District Court of Appeals, PFEL is suing to have the board's decision reversed.

THERE HAVE BEEN only three such suits filed against the reorganized Maritime Board. In 1933 American President Lines sued to amend a subsidy granted to Pacific Transport Lines and Pacific Far East. APL lost. Two years ago APL sued Maritime Board over a definition of capital employed in determination of its subsidy rate. Again APL lost in District Court and on appeal.

Isbrandtsen Lines sued the board in 1955 to have a subsidy denied American Export Lines because of its pooling agreement on carrying Egyptian cotton. This suit is still pending.

These cases are all typical of what the government gets into in trying to maintain competitive enterprise and prevent the growth of monopolies. The dividing lines aren't clear.

Truman Can Go On Autographing One Dollar Bills

WASHINGTON — Former President Harry S. Truman can go right on autographing \$1 bills as far as the Treasury is concerned.

A visitor to Truman Memorial Library at Independence, Mo., asked him Thursday to autograph a bill.

"I hadn't better," Truman said. "Why?" an old friend asked. "You can't deface currency," he said. "That's the law. The attorney general would just love to put me in jail."

Asked if he had been cautioned officially, Truman said "Oh, no."

In Washington, a spokesman said today the U. S. Treasury "never has held that autographs or minor writing on currency, such as banks often do, is a violation of the law."

In fact, outgoing Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey often has given autographed \$1 bills to visitors. The bills already carry his engraved signature, as well as that of Ivy Baker Priest, the secretary and Mrs. Priest have a perfect right to autograph bills.

The Treasury spokesman said "Their signatures are authorized by law."

Langley Enters Plea Of Innocent To Charge

PORTLAND — A plea of innocent was entered Thursday by former Multnomah County district attorney William Langley, who is charged with perjury.

Langley is accused in the indictment of lying when he swore before a district judge that a warrant should be issued for a raid on the Raymond Clark home because of obscene photographs hidden there.

Clark is an ex-employee of gambler Big Jim Elkins. Both Clark and Elkins were prominent figures in the long Portland vice investigation.

Langley was convicted of failure to prosecute gamblers in the first trial resulting from the probe. He then was removed from office.

Circuit Judge James Crawford set the opening date of Langley's trial for Sept. 5.

Reader Opinions

Local Band Commended For Astoria Appearance

May I take this means of expressing publicly my sincere appreciation for the fine performance and cooperation by Director Harold Withnell and the Roseburg High School Band at the recent 37th annual Astoria Regatta. I add, too, my congratulations upon victory as champion band of the Regatta Parade.

The people of Roseburg should be extremely proud of this organization that represents their city in various appearances throughout the Northwest. I urge the citizens of Roseburg to continue their fine support of their champions, and I sincerely hope that victories will be many for Director Withnell and the Roseburg High School Band.

Tony Naimo
Director of Parades
Astoria Regatta Assn.
Astoria, Oregon.

Camas Valley Resident May Be Oldest Scout

A few weeks ago I volunteered to go to a Boy Scout breakfast to help out in a fund raising campaign. We had a nice breakfast and in the business following I was assigned a list of 27 local fellows to contact to give them a chance to contribute to the Scouting program.

My efforts were met with a very pleasing response, for which I express my appreciation. But here is the part that pleased me most and should be of interest to all Scouts and their leaders:

Right here in Camas Valley I believe I have found a man with the oldest record of Boy Scouting in the United States and very possibly in the world. This man is a successful farmer, chicken rancher and raises registered milking shorthorns. I like to think that his very early Scouting contact made it easier for him to leave his native country and be a success in another land.

This fellow saw Col. Baden-Powell who founded the Boy Scouts in England. In 1901 when Col. Baden-Powell returned to England he landed at South Hampton, which was this neighbor's home town at that time. It was a big affair, he said, like if President Ike came to Roseburg.

Col. Baden-Powell was a war hero. When he landed at South Hampton in 1901 he was returning from the Boer War in far South Africa. He and his troops held the town of Mafeking for 200 days against the Boer army. In that battle was where the Boy Scout idea was born. He organized the boys of Mafeking as messengers, first aid corps, etc. So older men would be free to fight. Soon after returning to England he founded the Boy Scouts. It was in the year 1908 this neighbor joined the Boy Scouts in England.

So it could be that Ernest Wheeler of Camas Valley has the oldest Scouting experience of any man now alive.

Naval Reserve Group Will Picnic Sunday

A picnic sponsored by the officers and men of Naval Reserve Electronics Division 13-7, Roseburg, for their families will be held at Wolf Creek Camp, 10 miles up Little River Road from Glade, Sunday.

The affair, starting at 1 p.m., will feature games, contests, fishing and swimming. Portable radio communication equipment will be put into service. Those attending are asked to bring their own picnic fare. Dessert and refreshments will be provided by the division.

Community News Items

Rod Newland of Walla Walla, Wash. is spending the weekend in Roseburg visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Newland, in Laurelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Sweely have recently purchased the Shar-Bar Wholesale Co., formerly owned by Ernest Cox. Sweely was formerly associated with Valley Realty.

Mrs. T. E. Tomasik left today for her home in Chicago, Ill., following the last several weeks here visiting at the home of her brothers, Dr. J. M. Boyles, and family, and Dr. Dwight Boyles, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Burgess and children, Marilyn, Bobby and Terry, left Friday on a two weeks vacation trip to Haver, Mont., where they will visit Mrs. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pleniger.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Wimberly and daughter, Jane, and son, Donald, have returned to their home in Berkeley, Calif., following their vacation here visiting the former's father, G. V. Wimberly.

Mrs. R. D. Coen has returned to her home on Overlook Avenue, following a stay in Sacramento visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coen, and small son and daughter.

Bill Trammell, who is stationed in San Francisco with the U.S. Marine Corps, is presently on leave and is visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Trammell.

Mrs. Roger Reese, in company with Mrs. Ralph Linnell, made the trip to Portland this week to get her daughter, Sheryl, and bring her back to Roseburg. Sheryl has been confined to Doernbecher Hospital.

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Today And Tomorrow

SATURDAY

Lookingglass Church picnic, 6 p.m., dinner, Umpqua Park. Fellowship hour will follow. Friends and members invited.

Sutherlin Grange Home Economics Club cooked food sale, 10 a.m., in front of Sutherlin Hotel.

Buckeroo Square Dance Club, 9 p.m., at barn. Members of kitchen committee are: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petheram and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Powers.

Old-Time Dance Club, 9 p.m., Knights of Pythias hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 245 SE Jackson St.

Evergreen Grange Old - Time Dance Club, 9 p.m., grange hall. Membership open to public.

Shrine Circus, 2:15 p.m. Matinee, 8:15 p.m. evening show, Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Boots and Calico Square Dance Club, 9 p.m., Winston Community Club. Serving committee: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hass, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton. Women asked to bring sandwiches.

Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club, 8 p.m., Washington School gymnasium in Oakland.

Roseburg Art Assn. annual outdoor exhibit, city park adjoining the old library building.

Camas Valley Grange will be host grange for Douglas County Pomona No. 13, 7 p.m., grange hall.

Glendale - Azalea Ministerial Assn. picnic, 6 p.m., Barton Park in Glendale.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Myrtle Creek Saddle Pals contest for selection of ninth annual rodeo queen, 1:30 p.m., Myrtle Creek rodeo grounds.

Boots and Calico Square Dance Club polka picnic, 3 p.m., Winston Community Park. Members and past members invited. Those attending asked to bring fried chicken and salad or dessert for family.

Drain Union High School reunion of the classes from 1925 to 1945, polka lunch at 1 p.m., Drain Living Memorial Park. Coffee will be furnished. Additional information may be secured by calling Mrs. Don Maples at Drain, TE 6-9810, or Mrs. Jack Kerr at Sutherlin, 3301.

Shrine Circus, 2:15 p.m. matinee, 8:15 p.m. evening show, Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Southern Pacific Employees and Pensioners picnic, 10 a.m., Umpqua Park.

Roseburg Writers Club picnic, 2 p.m., Roseburg Rod and Gun Club grounds. Short business meeting and program planned. For further information, call John Zerbach, OR 2-4181.

Findlay family reunion, 1 p.m. polka picnic, Kellogg Grange Hall.

Days Creek Methodist Church choir hymn festival and summer concert, 8 p.m., at church.

Roseburg First Christian Church service at Douglas County Home, 2:30 p.m.

Rosicrucian Order, 7:30 p.m., Room 221, Hotel Umpqua.

MONDAY, JULY 29

Azalea Community Church public benefit dinner at Azalea Grange Hall. Proceeds to go to church building fund.

Knights of Pythias, 8 p.m., KP Hall.

Timber City Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc., 8 p.m., Ott and Ricketts Music Store.

Hayloft Square Dance Club advanced class, 8 p.m., Preschorn Barn. All square dancers invited.

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