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ONLY ONE VOICE?

By Charles V. Stanton

Claiming that his action in requesting Oregon commissions on fish and game to clear testimony with the State Water Resources Board in advance of federal hearings has "given rise to a good deal of misunderstanding," Governor Holmes has addressed a letter of explanation to the Oregon Division of the Izaak Walton League, Oregon Wildlife Federation and Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union. These groups have been critical of the governor's alleged "gag order." The Izaak Walton League at its state convention last week adopted a very pointed resolution of criticism.

The governor's letter makes a bad matter worse, in my opinion.

Reading his letter, I gain the impression that he looks upon conservationists as being too ignorant to understand the situation, easy meat for private power propagandists, while our fish and game commissions, he apparently believes, are incapable of effective programs without guidance.

After claiming to have been misunderstood and stating in his letter that he wants members of the organizations to whom the message was addressed to know his "total thinking," the governor says:

It obviously makes sense for our state government to speak with one voice when offering testimony on so basic and important a matter as the interest of all our people in the water of this state. The legislature created the Water Resources Board to do exactly that, and to reconcile the conflicting desires of different groups of citizens into a comprehensive state water policy which, while protecting the interest of all specific groups, is based on the greatest good to the greatest number of our people. My request to the various boards and commissions to present their respective points of view to the Water Resources Board for review and transmittal is precisely in line with the intention of the legislature and I make no apology whatever for that request.

The governor seems to be sure that the legislature intended only "one voice" to be heard on matters of water policy.

Intent Questioned

I would most vigorously question the governor's interpretation. Many voices should be heard in connection with any controversial issue. It is one of the fundamental policies of our form of government that there shall be free and open expression of opinion. I do not believe our legislature ever intended to "gag" any department of our state government.

In any public hearing relating to natural resources every phase of the issue should be explored, even though conflicting and contradictory views may be offered for examination. Obviously, consideration should be given the weight of authority. The Water Resources Board, as an agency dealing with water policy, would assuredly carry more influence than a contradictory opinion from a private citizen. The Water Resources Board, however, is not an authority on fish and game. Consequently the Fish Commission and the Game Commission are entitled to be heard with relation to their respective fields of research and management.

Utilities Attacked

Governor Holmes outlines his own interest and record in resource conservation. He expresses opposition to Nez Perce dam as well as the proposed small private utility dams on the Middle Snake River.

He adds:
My fear is that the vigorous opposition of the Fish Commission and of the Game Commission to Nez Perce, stated again and again at this time, carries with it the almost automatic implied consent that licenses be granted for these low dams with the attendant loss of storage so important to flood control, to navigation, to power, and to all of the other many uses of water which lie outside the jurisdiction and concern of the Fish Commission or Game Commission. It seems to me abundantly clear that the private utility combine is hopeful at this time to use true conservationists' organizations as cat's paws to help pull an important chestnut out of the fire for them; to wit: The Federal Power Commission's assent in granting licenses for their small dams.

In other words the governor believes conservationists to be suckers for private power propaganda, our fish and game commissions to be unwitting tools of the utility combine, and neither capable of dealing intelligently with the issues.

The governor concludes his letter with a tirade against private power companies which he has "never believed" to be "real allies to the people who seek to protect the fishery resource." They are, he contends, "interested in power and power alone." That, I would say, is a rather stern indictment of the hundreds of thousands of people who have invested money in power company stock, yet who live and pay taxes in this country.

Will we only have one voice capable of "crying in the wilderness?"

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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us wouldn't be able to understand anyway.
The rocket just fizzled.

Now for the reprimandations.
Senator Henry Jackson of the state of Washington says in Seattle the defense department used poor judgment when it allowed a show to be made of the hoped-for launching of the satellite that was to prove to the world the Russians haven't got anything we haven't got.

He added:
"I do not believe we should announce in advance a test firing of a satellite that we know might not work. We've suffered enough already by having the Soviets beat us into outer space. The defense department used poor judgment.

poor public relations, poor propaganda, poor everything."

We must remember, of course, that Senator Jackson is a Democrat, and in democracies such as ours policies must have its place. But I can't help feeling that his criticism is justified. We were straining too hard to make a propaganda show. To say to the world that anything the Russians can do we can do. The odds were long and the prize wasn't worth the staggering cost of open and public failure.

The humiliation we are suffering today is a part of the risk we took when we bragged about what we were GOING TO DO before we did it.

After all—
Who knows how many times the Russians TRIED AND FAILED

Reader Opinions

Lumber Company Backs Stand On Windigo Tract

To The Editor — It is surprising that you did not check the official records of the United States Forest Service that are available in Roseburg before writing your editorial of November 26, which discussed a proposed sale of subalpine timber in the Windigo Pass area of the Umpqua National Forest.

In your editorial you stated that through political influence it appeared that L. & H. Lumber Company had an inside track to the timber involved and could get an agreement for it without a bid. That statement is false. Both the records of this company and of the Forest Service will show that from the very moment it expressed its first interest in this timber L. & H. Lumber Company did no more than ask the Forest Service to put it up for sale at competitive bid. This has been the steady request of the company from the moment it first approached the Forest Service about the sale.

More, as the editor of a newspaper in an important timber-hauling region, you should know by this time that it would be a bid. This has been the steady request of the company from the moment it first approached the Forest Service about the sale.

Your editorial further suggests that a relatively large volume of timber is included in this sale in order to amortize the manufacturing facilities that will be required to process this new and relatively undesirable timber species. The fact is, however, that the volume of timber included in the sale is necessary in order to permit construction of the extensive road system that will be needed to furnish access to this untapped area of the Umpqua National Forest. If the timber were of a higher quality, or a more desirable species, considerably less volume would have been required to finance the required road construction. While it is true, as in the case of the recent sale to Johns-Manville, that the Forest Service has made an occasional sale of such volumes as will amortize a new plant, to amortize new plant, any company that buys the proposed sale will simply have to rely on Forest Service policy to protect the public interest by an orderly harvest of these relatively unwanted subalpine species over the course of many years. Again, an examination of the official records of the Umpqua National Forest Service, reinforced by the further decision of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, merely carries out long standing Forest Service policy. The decision makes possible utilization of species which heretofore has not been thought useful. It transforms a waste species into a valuable resource. It converts an area which is now fruitlessly occupied by a decadent timber stand into land that will grow more timber to sustain the future industries of Oregon.

Sidney Leiken,
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Sutherlin, Oregon.

Resources Survey Urged To Attract Industry

It seems as though Mr. Whitaker has been misinformed. He states that he reads News-Review editorials, but, as was stated in one of those editorials, facts show that no method has been devised to trap odors from pulp plants. Apparently he missed that editorial.

As for the pollution problem, the best of plants have to dump their ponds periodically. Until those waste products are utilized, we will have water pollution. In small pilot ponds this has been controlled and when it is done on commercial basis it will be a great step ahead in conservation.

Why not do as other areas have done? Instead of pushing one industry, why not survey our resources, sites and labor supply and make the findings known to all corporations that would completely utilize our waste products?

The Masonite Corporation is one of the best known examples of this. Their plant in California is only about eight years old and already their conservation and reforestation practice is known the world over. They are trying through research to utilize completely the waste from the mills in that district.

The market is established for this type product so there would be no quota on your byproducts. When we try to attract industry as a whole instead of trying to single one out, we will be taking a long step toward a long range plan for stabilizing our economy in this district.

As far as the factors we have are concerned, we have resources that other places that are getting new industries aren't fortunate enough to possess. Why not get our bid in now, while we have a chance to attract any industry?

Frank M. Keen
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Roseburg, Oregon

Elkton Family Travels To Daughter In California

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

Mr. and Mrs. James Hines and Gloria of Elkton spent the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in Orlin, Calif., with their daughter, Diane.

Weekend Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and family of Silverlake, Wash., were weekend guests at the parental Charles Solomon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Hubbard had a Thanksgiving weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Willoughby of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Patty and girls of Condon were overnight guests Friday at the Jack Gorman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weatherly of Portland were weekend guests at the parental Norman Weatherly home.

Charles Smith of Port Orchard, Wash., spent last weekend at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bob Beal.

Visit San Francisco

Miss Judy Mode accompanied

Camas Valley PTA Will Hold Fun Night Soon

Camas Valley PTA fun night will be Dec. 13, with the time to be announced at a later date.

At the recent meeting it was announced that on Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., the annual community school Christmas program will be held. Treats will be given to children by PTA members.

Mrs. Doris Lamb's den displayed candles they had made and a puppet show they were preparing. Mrs. Irwin Smith, assistant den mother for Mrs. Carl Carmine's den, gave the advanced work of the Cub Scouts. Members of Mrs. Carmine's den are working for bear and lion badges.

Bobcat pins were awarded to Richard Oliver, Bruce Lamb, Nathan Jones, Clifford Akey, Mike Nazum, Tom Thrush, Roland Standley, and Jerry Weckum, members of Mrs. Lamb's den.

Mrs. Blanche Copley's seventh and eighth grade room won the room count. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clem Spurlock and Mrs. Leslie Catepole.

Mrs. Ford Baker and Mrs. Robert Randall were appointed cafeteria aid for December.

before their Sputnik I was successfully launched.

Only the Kremlin knows. They may have failed dozens of times before success finally came. Trial and error is a natural process when something new is being attempted. But they kept it dark and did no bragging until Sputnik I was circling the earth and heaping for everyone to hear.

HINDSIGHT — which is startlingly clear — tells us today it would have been better to keep on trying in secret until we got a satellite into its orbit and then do our bragging.

Daily Bible Reading

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial Assn

TEXT: Ephesians 4:1-32

In this great epistle of Paul, we find the clarion call to the heart-felt unity of the believers of all lands and nations and time. The vocation of the believer as he walks before God and the world is to show forth the unity of the heart to those with whom he comes in contact. There is one Lord, there is one Faith, there is one God, who speaks to the souls of men. Men of different color, culture and language find wherever he is that the same God is over all. For Paul, there was the need as he wrote to the believers "who were in Ephesus, for that demonstration of the oneness of men through the faith in Jesus Christ.

That message which he had brought to them was of such a nature that it should be made known to the world around by the out-living of the in-dwelling Christ in the daily course of living among men. To every man who believes there is a portion of the work which is to be done. Man has had given to him as a result of the relationship with Christ, certain gifts which are for use in unfolding in the individual life the glory of the God who has given. Wherever men are, there is a need for the unity of hearts in Christ. When time is gone, men will find a common denominator for their belief in the Word of God and person of Jesus Christ.

The ultimate in knowledge is the comprehension of the fact and the plan of God. God is and as man comes to Him, he must believe that He is. The knowledge of this world leads men to uncover the evidences of God and His work, faith leads men to know and understand that God and His grace.

Virgil R. Savage
First Conservative Baptist Church.

Two Homemaking Courses Offered

Two new homemaking courses will be offered through the Roseburg adult education program in January, according to Richard Boss, director. The courses are:

Home Nursing — This is a with non-technical information on methods of caring for the sick. The course will cover all phases of home nursing from first aid to Asian flu.

The instructor will be Mary Kelley, a registered nurse. The course starts Jan. 8, 1958, and will meet every Wednesday in the Social Arts building, room 1, at the Roseburg High School. The course will cost \$7.50.

Parent Education in Child Development — This course is designated to give parents an understanding of normal physical and emotional development in children up to the age of 12. Both parents are invited to sign up for the course.

A check list of 50 areas of interest will be provided and each individual will have his problems discussed. The course will be conducted by lectures and discussions. The course is designed to deal specifically with normal children and is not directed toward handicapped or unstable children in any way.

The course will be instructed by Dr. Harold A. Dickman, local psychologist. It will start Jan. 6, 1958, and will meet Mondays at 8 A.M. Cost of this course is also \$7.50.

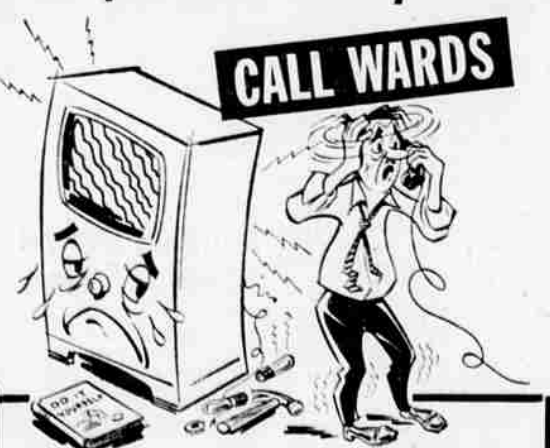
A course on the problems of adolescence will follow during spring term, Boss reports.

Anyone interested in signing up for these courses is asked to telephone Boss at the adult education office, OR 2-3152, evenings or evenings. Boss requests those signing up to register prior to the first of the year.

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Community News Items

George Wharton, who recently underwent major surgery at Mercy Hospital, is now convalescing at his home on Claire Avenue.

Dick Walsh of this city drove to Eugene Friday to bring home his wife, who recently underwent major surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Randi and Duncan Todd, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Todd, have been ill of influenza at their home for the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wingfield and Linda and Kenny of Alsea visited here over the holiday weekend with Lucie Harris, and her brother, Robert Kent, and his family.

Children have returned home following a trip to Vancouver, Wash., where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dugan.

Miss Joyce Wanda Smith is recovering at her home following a severe throat infection which necessitated a stay in the hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Grasse have returned to their home in Anderson, Calif., after spending several days in Roseburg visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Atterbury.

Mrs. Deming Bronson has returned to her home in this city, following a trip to Livermore, Calif., where she visited her sister, Mrs. John R. Fleming, she also visited in Stockton and she attended a reunion of the class of 1924 of Mills College.

Mrs. Walter York left Thursday for her home in Clear Lake, Calif., following a visit here with Mrs. Otho Gosnell. Wednesday Mrs. York and Mrs. Gosnell spent the day in Coquille visiting Mr. Gosnell. Over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell visited in Eugene with the latter's son, Floyd Morton, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Strickling and daughter, Linda, had as their guests Thanksgiving week their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Strickling, and daughter, Lori Ann, of Milbrae, Calif. They were joined for Thanksgiving dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strickling and children, Mike Joanna and Pat; Ivo Notenboom, Corvallis; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Isom of Salmon Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Auer and son, Byron, returned early this week from a trip to Vallejo, Calif., where they were the houseguests of Mrs. Auer's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker, and daughter, Carrie. Accompanying them was Mrs. Auer's brother, Fred Boice of Medford. They also saw the Bakers' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marv Barker and son, Rick, of San Jose, Calif. Before returning home, they went to San Francisco where they spent two days during which they enjoyed Cinerama, Golden Gate Park and the Zoo, Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf. En route home they stopped in Eureka, Calif., to see Mr. and Mrs. William Finnegan and sons, Billy and Bob.

Glendale School Board Reschedules Meetings

The Glendale School Board has rescheduled its regular meetings for the next two months to avoid conflicts with other events on the school calendar.

The next meeting will be Dec. 16, Lewis Brady of Glendale, member of the Douglas County School reorganization committee, will speak during that meeting.

Other rescheduled meetings will be held on Jan. 8, Jan. 22 and Feb. 5. After the latter meeting, the regular schedule of sessions the first and third Wednesdays of each month will be resumed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tegner of Medford spent last weekend here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Tegner, in the Oak Hill apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Helland had as visitors over the Thanksgiving holiday, Marvin Helland of Salem and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stenseth of Yoncalla.

Mrs. Alfred S. Tyson, Mrs. F. C. Dezenford, Mrs. Paul Barcus and Mrs. Leonard W. Riley went to Riddle Wednesday to attend the Episcopal bazaar.

Dick Edge of Centralia, Wash., was a business visitor in Roseburg Thursday. A former resident, Edge was affiliated with the Indian Theatre here.

Mrs. Alice Arant has returned to her home in Los Angeles following an extended visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keith, and with other relatives.

Mrs. Lester Horton has returned to her home here following a week's stay in San Francisco during which time her daughter, Miss Nancy Horton, became the bride of Michael Evans in the California city.

Molly and Paul Forrest, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Forrest, are ill of mumps at their home on SE Kane Street.



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