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NEW CONCEPTS

By Charles V. Stanton

Scientific studies of the fishery resource bring an increasing fund of knowledge and cause many changes in policy, according to Clark Walsh, assistant state game director, who was in Roseburg recently to explore the proposed Steamboat Falls fishway project.

"We have long recognized the need to get fish over obstructions" Walsh said. "Our concept, however, was that anything permitting fish to negotiate the barrier was sufficient. Now we know that it is even more important to get the fish past the obstruction with the least possible effort and damage to the fish."

Walsh explained that careful studies have revealed that eggs from exhausted, diseased or injured fish are less fertile than those from fresh vigorous fish.

As fish progress up our western rivers to their spawning beds they encounter many difficulties. They must traverse shallow riffles, leap over waterfalls and fight predators. Often they leap at barriers until exhausted, bruising themselves against rocks or man-made structures, as they seek to reach their spawning beds in the high tributaries.

Inspection of fish on spawning beds shows many to be afflicted with fungus, which starts in bruised flesh, or to be thin and worn. These fish, Walsh says, have little value for spawning.

Fishways Improved

For many years, Walsh reports, it was considered enough to blast a few potholes along the edge of a waterfall, and allow the fish to proceed upstream by leaping from one rock pool to the next. In that process the fish suffered bruises in each leap. Because it has been found that one fresh vigorous fish on the spawning bed is worth a dozen sick or injured fish, the fishery departments now endeavor to build fishways permitting the fish to continue their upstream journey with the least possible effort. These fishways are more expensive, but they justify their cost by a higher rate of return from the eggs deposited on the spawning riffles.

Another factor is involved in the steelhead migration, Walsh points out. Unlike salmon, which die after spawning, steelheads will return to the ocean. After reaching salt water they are quickly healed and will come back to the river year after year. If their spawning migration is made easy, they will have a much better chance of getting back to the ocean, and thus survive to spawn again.

The purpose of the proposed fishway at Steamboat Falls, Walsh reports, is to permit steelheads to pass that barrier without any great effort. At present they congregate below the falls during low water and remain there for many weeks until the water level raises enough that they can jump the falls.

Decline Alarms

The fish have little trouble negotiating the obstruction during high water, which usually comes ahead of the spawning period, thus permitting them to get to the upper tributaries in time to spawn. But the Game Commission's fish department contends the fish exhaust and injure themselves fighting the falls during the period of low water and that a fishway would get them upstream with less damage. Some anglers familiar with the situation claim that the damage is negligible and is not as great as would result from poaching if the fish were permitted to congregate in upstream pools where law enforcement would be more difficult. On the other side, however, it is argued that there would be less damage from poaching by securing wider dispersal of the fish, and that even some loss from poaching would be offset by having stronger fish at spawning time with a greater chance for the fish to return the second, third and maybe more years.

The decline in summer steelhead population in the North Umpqua River is alarming. While other populations appear to be gaining, since the removal of nets, the summer steelhead appears to be losing ground. If a fishway at Steamboat Falls can stop the decline, it will be well worth the $60,000 to $70,000 anticipated cost, Walsh feels.

But some of the men familiar with the situation from long years of observation, claim that the benefits of the fishway would not offset the probable increase in predation, and the impairment of natural scenery.

It has only been in recent years that any great amount of scientific study has been given steelhead trout. The work on salmon and other species has demanded full attention from the fishery agents. The steelhead now is under the scientists' microscope, however, and we will soon have much more knowledge concerning its habits.

As Walsh says, the scientific examination of the fishery is yielding many new management concepts.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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would mix up if by chance they stumbled onto the recipe.

Maybe the Russians are DOING something about it.

For a long period of time, the "everybody talks about it but nobody does anything about it" wisecrack was accredited to Mark Twain. Some years back, the staff of the Chicago weather bureau took time off from predicting and did a job of research.

They came up with proof that it wasn't Mark Twain who said it. They gave the credit to Charles Dudley Warner, who at the time was editor of the Hartford Courant, one of America's oldest and most distinguished newspapers.

I'm willing to lay a small bet that Mr. Warner coined the phrase on one of those days — which come to all editorial writers — when there wasn't anything else to talk about, so he fell back on the weather.

It isn't surprising that a mix-up should have occurred as to the authorship of this famous remark. Warner and Mark Twain (whose real name was Samuel Clemens) were close friends. They collaborated in writing one of Twain's best books, The Guilded Age.

Charles Dudley Warner was one of America's distinguished essayists. His books of familiar essays include My Summer in a Garden, On Horseback and Fashions in Literature.

His Being a Boy is a classic record of his New England boyhood.

Mark Twain did quite a lot of talking about the weather, so it is not surprising that the "nobody does anything about it" remark should have been credited to him. One of his more famous ones was his statement that he felt that "weather is a literary specialty and no untrained hand can turn out a good article on it."

One of his more biting comments had to do with the New England climate in the spring. In a moment of bitterness, he said: "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."

I'd like to add that if he had been around these parts this morning he could have bettered his count.

---Can Spring Be Far Behind? . . .

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

That a government study on the life expectancy of household appliances found that a new refrigerator or electric range lasts an average of 15 years. . . a new washing machine 9 to 10 years.

That Harry S. Truman was the first U.S. president to travel by submarine.

That Delaware is the only state in the union that doesn't have natural caves.

That the National Laugh Foundation has picked this wisecrack by Bob Hope as the funniest of the year: "In Russia they have a television set in every hotel room. But instead of you watching it, it watches you."

That about 75 per cent of your body muscles is water. . . in my case the figure is about 95 per cent.

Big Bosom Receding

That the big-bosom boom may be receding. . . Candy Jones Conover, who books many of the lovelies for TV commercials, says ad agencies usually no longer want girls who breast the tape at more than 34 to 35 inches.

That the Great Salt Lake in Utah isn't altogether lifeless. . . according to the Fisherman Magazine, salty shrimp can live in it.

That the expression "Goodby" is a contraction of the old farewell wish, "God Be With You."

That auto tires underinflated just five pounds can run up your gas bills nearly three per cent on a long trip.

That the city of Paris is named after an ancient tribe called the Parisii, who lived there long before Julius Caesar came to call on Gaul.

Lot Of Pencils

That despite the rise of ball point pens, the United States produce 1,500,000,000 pencils a year. . . or nearly 10 to a person.

That life insurance is now available for guide dogs.

That Robert Q. Lewis says a lucky bridegroom today is one "who marries a girl who'll help with the dishes."

That one Detroit firm now makes an all-purpose station wagon that can be used as a family car, an ambulance — or a hearse. . . sounds like the perfect vehicle for Sunday driving.

That many people have heart attacks without knowing it — and survive. . . a recent study of 5,000 autopsies in Michigan disclosed 175 such cases. . . their average age at death was 71, or longer than the usual life span.

That police estimate 65 per cent of employes who handle other people's cash dip into it now and then for their own purpose.

That it was Mark Twain who observed, "When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained."

—Bruce Biossat—

The change in authority in Saudi Arabia may not be as harmless a development for America as the State Department evidently wants us to believe.

The department's version is that in virtually yielding power to Crown Prince Faisal, King Saud is simply putting formal seal on an arrangement that already exists. Faisal is said to have held this power as premier and foreign minister.

It is contended further that Saud planned this move as part of an effort to give the Arabian government a broader base. He is said to feel the time has come to end his one-man rule.

FOR THESE reasons, Washington officially voices no alarm. Yet there is a possibility that our diplomats are taking this stand more as an expression of hope than anything else.

Faisal is known to have little fondness for America and the West. There are signs he would like to draw his country closer to the new United Arab Republic headed by Egypt's President Nasser. Faisal and Saud are reported to have divided bitterly over Nasser, with Saud much opposed.

Still another danger signal: Faisal by some accounts wants Saudi Arabia's oil royalties boosted from a present 50 per cent to roughly 57 per cent. The big Arabaian American Oil Co. pays Saud $300 million a year right now for oil considered vital to Western defense.

EVERY WESTERN capital will be watching sharply for Faisal's first key moves. If he turns toward Nasser and away from the Iraq-Jordan Arab Federation which Saud favors, the West will be in for more trouble. So, conceivably, will those critical oil supplies and possibly even our nuclear bomber base at Dhahran.

It would be comforting to be able to accept the State Department's rosy picture. A nagging feeling exists in many quarters, however, that beneath those bright hues the new image of Saudi Arabia is somber and dark-toned.

Boy Now In New England For Disease Treatment

BOSTON (AP) — Ten-year-old Jimmie Rokowski of Newberg, Ore., hopped off the New England States train from Chicago Saturday and headed for a hot dog stand.

He was hungry after a long train ride that started Wednesday at Portland, Ore. On Monday he will enter Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment of a kidney ailment.

Jimmie was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Wayne Rokowski, a polio victim. She wears a brace on her left leg and was met with a wheel chair by members of the Greater Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce. They planned to find the pair a room somewhere near the hospital.

Mrs. Rokowski said Jimmie has had nephritis since he was 17 months old.

After the long train ride he said, "I want to walk for 60 hours."

Neighbors in Newberg raised $1,000 to send the boy here.

Break In Levy Spills Water Over Big Area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A major break in the San Joaquin River levee Saturday sent water spilling over several thousand acres of rich ranch land. Stanislaus County Sheriff Dan Kelsay said the break — in the Hogin Levee 14 miles southwest of Modesto — threatened scattered farm families and livestock throughout the area.

The sheriff's office said there appeared no chance the break could be dammed immediately. It was reported near the same place the levee broke in 1938, inundating thousands of acres and causing heavy property damage.

The land is mostly natural pasture, but includes alfalfa and clover fields. Large numbers of livestock graze in the area.

The break came as California, declared a major disaster area by President Eisenhower, braced for still more Easter weekend rain.

Bourguiba Has Refused To Supervise Border

TUNIS (AP) — President Habib Bourguiba reportedly has refused to accept supervision of Tunisia's border with Algeria.

A U.S.-British good offices team met Saturday with Tunisian officials in an effort to keep the refusal from causing a breakdown in attempts to settle the French-Tunisian dispute.

Reader Opinions

Newspaper Subscribers Urged To Pay Promptly

Our boy is a newspaperboy and enjoys the route very much. But he has a problem with his collecting, as I am sure other newspaperboys have.

Do readers realize, I wonder, that the boys must pay for their papers by the 5th of the month, regardless of whether they have collected from their customers? Does anyone realize how often these boys must go back to the same house to collect the money due them?

It is not just one family, but many. Often my son has been asked to come back the following day at a certain time, only to find no one at home. After he has delivered the paper a full month, he has had some of his customers move out on him without a word. I just can't believe people would do this if they realized they were taking that money from a boy's pockets.

The boys buy their papers and sell them to their customers. They are Little Merchants. They must absorb any collection losses.

It seems to me we ask an awful lot of our children when we ask them to respect their elders when the elders have no respect for the rights of the children.

These boys work hard for their money; walking in the rain and the dark and the cold. They have little enough time for their home work as it is, without having to return time and again to collect the money due them for paper deliveries. I feel it is about time the readers know whose money they are withholding when they don't pay their bills.

It would be much easier for all concerned if each family saved out their monthly subscription price and laid it aside so it would be there when the carrier came to collect.

Not only would the newspaper boy be grateful, but also the mothers of those boys.

Mrs. Reino Johnson
375 N.E. Cummings
Roseburg, Ore.

Editor's Note — The News-Review has frequently urged that customers receiving the paper by Little Merchant carrier put the subscription money in an envelope the first of each month and put the envelope in a spot where each member of the family will know where to find it when the boy calls. It is a great hardship for the carrier to call back time and again—CVS

Good Friday Deaths Mar Record For April

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

April was deathless on Oregon highways until Good Friday. Then four accidents claimed eight lives.

Five were killed in the collision of a bus and an automobile near Eugene Friday night.

Roy Hart Patten, 36, of the Tongue Point Naval Station, was killed in a head-on collision near Astoria. Patten was a machinist's mate in the Navy.

Frank Shtitz, 32, Vancouver, B. C., was injured fatally in the crash of his car from the Pacific Highway near Grants Pass.

In Eastern Oregon Merlyn F. Mayger, La Grande, died in a Baker hospital of injuries suffered in a crash on U. S. Highway 30 Thursday.

The day's toll pushed the Associated Press count of Oregon's traffic deaths to 91 for the year.

LEG AMPUTATED

NEW YORK (AP) — Composer Cole Porter, who underwent amputation of his right leg, was reported in excellent condition today at the Harkness Pavilion of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

The leg was removed yesterday because of chronic osteomyelitis.

Porter, 64, had been troubled by the bone disease in the leg since he fell from a horse in 1937.

Marine Hazard Is Blasted From Channel; Many Ships, Lives Lost In Past Years

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. (AP)—Ripple Rock, the notorious underwater mountain destroyed by a massive dynamite blast Saturday was first charted by Capt. George Vancouver in the vessel Discovery in 1792.

Records disclose that the British explorer was more concerned with the hostile Yuculta Indians who lined the east side of 2,500-foot-wide Seymour Narrows than with the dangerous rock that sits within the Narrows.

He named the passage Yuculta Channel after the Indians. It was later re-named Seymour Narrows for Sir William Seymour, a Royal Navy commander.

The Narrows with the twin-peaked rock that sets up whirlpools big enough to swallow a fishing boat, has been used by shipping since about 1875. It is on the main Inside Passage shipping route between Puget Sound and Alaska and some 2,000 large ships and many smaller ones pass through each year.

Sunk Many Ships

Since the early days it is estimated the rock has sunk or severely damaged at least 20 large ships and hundreds of smaller ones and taken 114 lives. One of the latest wrecks was that of the survey ship William J. Stewart which holed herself on the rock while taking soundings there in 1946. She suffered $500,000 damage.

Proposals to remove Ripple Rock have included suggestions it be bombed from the air, torpedoed, and shattered with big mortars from shore. One senator even suggested it be pulverized with an atomic bomb.

In 1931 a Canadian Department of Marine Commission investigated the situation. It heard representations from Vancouver shipowners for removal of the rock.

Wanted Rock For Pier

But Victoria industrialists didn't favor removal. They said the rock was the only suitable foundation for a bridge across the Narrows to link Vancouver Island with the mainland.

The commission recommended removal of the rock, but there was no action until 1943 when attempts were made to drill dynamite holes from a surface barge. But the barge was torn from its moorings.

A later attempt to steady the bucking barge with overhead cables secured to spar trees ashore also failed. It was abandoned after close to a million dollars had been spent and seven workmen lost their lives when a gasboat going ashore from the barge was sucked into a whirlpool.

The present tunnelling job, by which the twin peaks of the rock were packed with 1,375 tons of Nitramex 2H from underground, cost more than three million and was begun late in 1955.

The tunnel consisted of a 572-foot-deep shaft on Maude Island, a level tunnel 2,150 feet out under the channel and two raises each 300 feet up into the rock's two humps. The dynamite was packed in through the tunnel and tamped into boxhole entries and "coyote" holes bored in honeycomb fashion in the bowels of the rock.

Drill Into Peaks

Miners drilling up into the two peaks 400 feet apart and nine and 20 feet under the low-water level, found the rock contours shown by the latest hydrographic surveys were not true. Many times they almost broke out into the sea.

To prevent a major breakthrough a "feeler" team with a small-bore diamond drill worked ahead of the main drillers. By drilling until they broke through the rock walls to the sea at varous points, the diamond-drillers determined the exact contour of the peaks of the underwater mountain. Special "stoppers" of steel and rubber were developed to plug the breakthrough holes and stop the sea from spouting in. But it made for wet work in the tunnel.

The tunnel was equiped with a complete ventilation system, a conveyor belt system and a small electric railway. Great, watertight doors were installed at various points for use in case of a flood emergency. But no emergency arose. Engineers said few faults were encountered and it was a straight tunneling job."

All moveable equipment was taken from the tunnel before the blast and it was sealed with a cement "cork" at the Maude Island entrance. It is expected to be eventually flooded by the sea.

Vancouver Island officials, still visualizing a Vancouver Island-mainland link, suggested the tunnel should be continued on to the mainland side of the channel and developed into an auto artery.

But no one seemed to take them seriously.

Plenty Of Water Seen For Umpqua Basin This Year

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There will be generally adequate supplies of irrigation water in Wasco County and the Hood River Valley and plenty of water in the Rogue and Umpqua valleys this year.

This was reported Friday at water forecast meetings at Hood River and Medford.

In the Southern Oregon region, the water content of the mountain snow pack was reported 19 per cent above average by W. T. (Jack) Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

He said wetter than normal soils in upper watersheds indicate a good runoff during the irrigation season.

The big problem facing farmers in the area is wet soils on the valley floor, which are delaying spring seedings.

He said the Applegate and Illinois Valley water supplies were adequate or better. The forecast was excellent for Bear Creek Valley and for irrigation districts served by the main Rogue.

At Hood River forecaster Manes Barton said the snowfall in higher elevations around Hood River was 92 per cent of normal.

But no snow fell on the lower slopes where it is needed to sustain streams which start in low-elevation watersheds. As a result, the smaller streams probably will fall off earlier than usual, unless there are unusually heavy spring rains.

The flows of Hood River and White River are expected to be above normal, so there will be a good supply of irrigation water, Barton concluded.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

For many months we have been experiencing cold spells in all parts of our nation. This coldness has killed the life of plants and trees. Leaves and blossoms have disappeared from even the expected places. Soon the warmth of the sun will bring new life where all nature has appeared to be wrapped in the clothing of death.

The new life of nature in our spring season fits in with the new life which came into the world with the resurection of Christ at Easter. This new life in human beings comes with the warmth of God's presence. It blossoms with the warmth of love and human friendship.

The coldness of indifference, the chill of faultfinding, and the frostbite of gossip kill human love. Only the warmth of God's presence brings new life to people seemingly dead in sin.

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