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CONSERVATION NEEDED NOW

By George Castillo

This is Conservation Week in the state of Oregon. It was officially launched Monday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes on the courthouse steps at Roseburg. Actually, such weeks have only the value as a reminder that the particular subject involved may be worth recognizing.

In my mind, many of the subjects on which such weeks are focused are not worth a reminder, but the subject of conservation is not one of these.

Conservation or "wise use" of all the state's resources is due year-around recognition.

It's apparent that the land and the water are the two most important areas over which man has a chance to practice conservation. Our wildlife, economy and our very futures depend on the wise use of the land and water.

Far too often in late years, however, signs of the misuse of these have become evident. The result has been a waste of these two most valuable resources.

The water, of which the county has enough over a year's time to handle practically any future needs, roars to the sea in tremendous quantities in the winter and trickles in tiny streams during the summer.

Land Ruined

When the masses of water roll through the county in the winter, they gobble great chunks of the fertile soil from the edges of the streams.

In the summer, when only tiny fingers of water meander toward the sea, not enough is even available on several streams to fill water rights. Ben B. Irving, chairman of the Water Resources Advisory Committee, says that if all rights were taken at once on some streams, they would be dry in the summer.

These facts indicate anything but wise use of the resources we have. Land is ruined, precious water is dissipated, agriculture is restricted and life is threatened. The very future itself is dependent on taking steps to make wise use of the two major resources. Agriculture is recognized as a strong economic building block in the future of the county by the Bureau of Reclamation, and it is working toward formulating plans for coupling unused, but fertile, land with water for best use. Impoundments, which would store the excesses of water in winter for summer use, would also enhance the economic value of recreation, another economic plus.

Finally, the vast economic resource of timber on which present livelihood is based, can continue as an everlasting bank of green gold by wise use. Controlled logging practices, sustained yield methods and close study for best uses of cutover and burned forest lands can help stabilize both land and water while the economy is being protected. Again recreation and wildlife will benefit.

Steps Being Taken

The steps of protecting the land and water are far into the planning stage in this progressive county through the workings of many agencies, but the tremendous strides necessary will only be possible so long as the people of the county support these efforts. This means cooperation with agencies making studies, support of policies determined after studies and recognition of the values of the efforts being made by such groups as the Water Resources Survey, advisory committees, conservation-minded officials and organizations.

Dan Dimick, county Conservation Week chairman, said the emphasis this year will be on youth education "because they will be the ultimate custodians of our natural resources."

The children, however, often appear to be more conservation-minded than their elders. Now is the time to push efforts to the limit to save our resources so that children of today will have something to guard when they become custodians.

—Hal Boyle—

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

That although the work week of the average Russian has fallen from 48 hours to 46, he still labors longer for less than the citizen of any major Western power.

That of the world's estimated 163 million vehicles, 67 million are registered in the United States.

That William Howard Taft, our heaviest president, at one time weighed 354 pounds. Can anybody name offhand the lightest president?

That if you're suffering from spring fever and your job bores you, you might recall this quip by Sir James Barrie: "Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else."

That one way to tell if a coin is counterfeit is to try to cut its edge with a knife. If it nicks easily, you've probably been hooked.

That less money has been spent on research in schizophrenia, the most common mental malady, than on any other major disease.

That only 50 per cent of a meat animal is meat.

Where Divorce is Easy

That the highest divorce rate in America is found on the West Coast. But Egypt is the best country to get a real quickie. To shed a wife there all a Moslem has to do is thrice repeat the phrase: "I divorce thee!"

That the so-called milk snake doesn't milk cows. It does hang around barns, but it is attracted by the mice, not the cows.

That deer (except for bachelors) are now the most plentiful big game animal in America.

That Johnny Carson of TV's "Do You Trust Your Wife?" claims he invented a new food by crossing a potato with a sponge. "It does not taste too good," he admits,

Desecration



—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, commanding U.S. Deep Freeze operations in the Antarctic, has revealed the inside story of what was built up into a great race by two explorers to reach the South Pole this year.

The two expedition leaders were Sir Edmund Hillary, 38, of New Zealand, conqueror of Mt. Everest, and Dr. V. E. Fuchs, 50, British scientist. Hillary got to the Pole first, on January 3, Fuchs, slowed down by thaws which threw him nearly three weeks behind schedule, made it January 19.

But Fuchs and his party of 12 had the distinction of being the first men to cross the entire Antarctic continent — twice the size of the United States — on foot.

IT WASN'T a race at all, though, says Admiral Dufek. The original plan was one of cooperation. Hillary was to go in from Ross Sea, south of New Zealand, over the route taken by Amundsen and Scott. His assignment was to lay supply bases for Fuchs, who was to explore a new route from Wedell Sea, south of the South Orkney Islands, off Cape Horn, South America.

When Hillary established his last base at mile 700, he decided to push on to the Pole. He found the going tough. So he sent a message to Fuchs, then still 300 miles the other side of the Pole, advising that he be flown out and try again next year.

This dispatch was supposed to be confidential, says Admiral Dufek. But it was made public in New Zealand. From this, an impression was given that there was a rivalry between the two explorers, and that Hillary was trying to talk Fuchs out of making the race. Daily reports built up this idea.

IN AN EFFORT to counteract this impression, Admiral Dufek decided to fly correspondents in to the South Pole base established by the United States — on foot.

When Fuchs was a mile or two from the Pole, a party went out to meet him. Fuchs greeted Hillary warmly, says Admiral Dufek. There were no hard feelings between them.

Later Fuchs told Hillary that it was right for him to have sent the dispatch, advising an end to the expedition. But Fuchs pointed out that he had gone into debt some 20,000 pounds to finance his exploration. His men were on a year's leave. It would be impossible for them to come back next year.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service) Seed catalogues have been viewed and read by many thousands of Americans in recent weeks. Many are still trying to decide on the seeds which they may wish to buy.

Scores of folks will give much attention to the pictures and descriptions of the flowers and plants but will never get around to buying the seeds and will forget to plant the tiny spheres in the ground.

Those who plant no seeds will have no flowers in their gardens. They will never see the reality described in the catalogues. They will have failed to benefit from their reading and from their untired plans.

A multitude of people read the Bible in much the same way that they read the seed catalogues. They are intrigued by the stories of faith and hope and love. They read about the results of salvation and about the development of God's programs. Somehow they never get around to accepting God. They never apply the principles. Their spirits never grow.

Thinking It Over

but it sure holds a lot of gray."

Here's Memory Test

That you've got a keen memory if, after you grow up, you can remember any event in your life before your third birthday.

That come George DeWitt says "a yes-man is a guy who camouflages his candid thoughts with candied opinions."

That a study showed one out of three nonsmokers habitually carries matches — to oblige his friends.

That handleader Sammy Kaye says: "There is an ideal cure for love. It's called marriage."

That it was Samuel Johnson who observed: "That kind of life is most happy which affords us most opportunities of gaining our own esteem."

Two Idaho Lumber Firms Consolidate

BOISE (AP) — Merger of Cascade Lumber Co. into the Boise Cascade Corp. was approved Monday by shareholders of the Boise Cascade firm. The lumber company has been operating as a wholly owned subsidiary of Boise Cascade.

R. V. Hansberger, Boise Cascade president, announced the resignation of two directors, S. G. Moon, Eau Claire, Wis., and Frank D. McCulloch, Beverly Hills, Calif. He said both men were resigning because of ill health.

In The Day's News

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Vice-President Nixon's European trip may be called off.

That it may not be a good idea to send our vice president to European capitals on a friendship tour because he might be heckled and insulted and this heckling and insulting of a high American official might MAKE US MAD.

That is a pretty pass to be reached by a nation that has given some 60 BILLION DOLLARS of its treasure to help out peoples who are less fortunate than we.

It calls for some rather serious thinking on our part.

This thought is advanced by those who support continued American aid spending in Europe and Asia and elsewhere in the older world: If we don't do it, RUSSIA will.

Why not let Russia do it?

Consider this possibility: It isn't wholly improbable that if we retire from the giveaway field and Russia goes into it in a big way the peoples who receive Russia's bounty will TURN AGAINST HER, as they have turned against us.

We have proved rather conclusively in our foreign aid experiment that you can't BUY friends.

Why not? Let's put it this way: Suppose some VERY rich person from a distant state sent a member of his staff around to you and that this person said to you, in effect: "Why, you poor thing, you are in a bad way indeed. My boss is terribly sorry for you. Here's \$10,000. The only string attached to the gift is that you agree to be friends with him."

I suppose you'd take the \$10,000. But of this I'm certain: You'd be HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS of the donor, and you'd watch him like a hawk from then on. You'd wonder what he was up to, and you'd be pretty sure he was up to no good. Human nature is human nature.

Anyway— We haven't had much luck with our foreign aid program. In spite of our sixty billions, we seem to have got everybody down on us.

Why not let the Russians take a whirl at it?

TO HAVE INTEGRITY

Reader Opinions

Dimick Backed By Man He Aided In Labor Rift

Justice. This is just a little seven-letter word, but Oh! what a meaning it can imply when it is applied wrong.

I was almost to the point of despair and to the point of believing there was no such a thing as justice for the little man or the weak. And I mean by the "little man," the everyday working man who has to go out and sell his labor.

They tell us this is a free country and tell us there is no big or small, no race or creed or color but that this is America, the land of free speech and equality.

In succeeding paragraphs, the writer explains a difficulty he had on his job from which he quit. He claims he quit because he was forced to take a job against his will and against union contract. He says this led to difficulties which led to temporary disqualification for unemployment compensation.

Finally, in desperation, I called my state senator (Dan Dimick) and told him I didn't have any money to pay him but would like him to be at the hearing (of the state unemployment compensation commission) to represent me. This he said he would do and did so.

Now, here is where I started believing in the word "justice" again. I had a fair and just hearing where all the facts were brought out by Mr. Dan Dimick, whom I believe stands on just one idea and that is just and fair treatment for each and every one big or small, rich or poor as he did this for me without compensation from me.

And to each and every person who reads this article, the time has come to get out and fight for

we have got to have people in our offices who still regard the rights of the little people as well as the rich.

I wish to point out the fact I had never met Mr. Dimick personally until two days ago when I went to him for advice. But this is one thing I know for sure. If he is elected circuit judge, I for one would feel it an honor to be tried in a court with him presiding as judge. This is one thing I would be sure of and that is just and fair treatment. I would receive justice.

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Veterans Council Gives Choice For Candidates

I am a member of the Veterans Council for Douglas County, Oregon. The Veterans Council is composed of the D.A.V., the American Legion, the W.V.L. and the V.F.W.

The Veterans Council has some record as supporting Donald S. Kelley for District Attorney, Harry Rapp for County Commissioner, Charles Porter for Congress, Dan Dimick for Circuit Judge, Bud Kelsay for State Representative and Al Fiegel for State Representative.

As a veteran and a member of the Veterans Council, I am urging that the veterans support the above individuals as being candidates supporting legislation in favor of the veterans.

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TAX RULING

SALEM (AP) — Property taxes must be paid on a building which burns down between the assessment date and the date on which the tax is payable, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Monday.



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Stalled Car Owner Sits In It For A Week

COLVILLE, Wash. (AP) — A 51-year-old Spokane man was found sitting in his stalled car along the shore of Roosevelt Lake Sunday and he told police he had been there for a week.

Frank Nolan was taken to a hospital for treatment of exposure and malnutrition. Officer James McKillip said the man appeared "groggy and weak" and told him he had been in the car since it broke down May 4. He didn't say why he had stayed in the car for so long after the break down.

3 of 17 Children Hurt As Bus Rolls Into Ditch

EVERETT (AP) — A Snohomish school bus with 17 children rolled into a ditch and overturned on the DuBoque Road north of Snohomish Monday morning. Three children suffered minor injuries.

Roland Larson, Snohomish County sheriff's deputy, said bus driver William Zengst reported the vehicle hit a soft shoulder in the road and flipped onto its side. The children got out a rear emergency exit.

Those hurt were Pattie Marts, 8; her brother, John, 7, and Trudy Jones, 7. They were treated by family physicians.

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Kidnaper Placed In Reformatory; Wedding Allowed

OLYMPIA (AP) — Convicted kidnap George Edward Collins has been transferred from the State Prison to the State Reformatory, Sidney Coleman, assistant state director of institutions, said Monday.

He said the transfer was ordered because of Collins' age and because the inmate expressed a desire to attend school classes available at the Monroe institution.

Collins, 21, is presently assigned to the reformatory's reception and diagnostic unit. Coleman said the transfer would have no effect on Collins' marriage plans.

Recently Garrett Heys, state director of institutions, gave his permission for Collins to marry 21-year-old Katherine Meyers.

Mrs. Meyers said she planned to wed Collins as soon as the couple's second child was born.

Coleman said Don Wilson, superintendent at the reformatory, had been sent a letter authorizing the wedding, but with the stipulation that the ceremony be performed outside the institution.

Collins was convicted of second degree kidnaping in the abduction of eight-year-old Lee Cray in Snohomish County last September.

The Meyers woman was given a suspended sentence.

Tumbling Jet Deals Damage; Pilot Unhurt

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A crashing Navy jet, the ninth to fall in the area in the last 15 months, did slight damage to two parked cars and a rooftop and narrowly missed two restaurants yesterday.

The pilot, Lt. Derek Wilson, 26, Los Altos, bailed out without injury. His F8U-1 Crusader went out of control as it approached for a landing at Moffett Naval Air Station, the Navy said.

The jet skidded by a hamburger stand and crashed in flames 100 feet from a restaurant filled with Mothers' Day customers, eight miles west of San Jose.

Boy Scout Wins Rescue Medal On Second Try

KANSAS CITY (AP) — There was special satisfaction for Stephen Leroy Smith, 13, in the certificate of merit he received yesterday from the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America.

Last summer Stephen failed to get a Boy Scout merit badge in life saving. The examiners said he passed all the tests but lacked confidence.

Two weeks later, vacationing with his parents near Cassville, Mo., Stephen jumped into a swimming pool and rescued a 3-year-old girl.

Stephen got his merit badge after that. Yesterday's honor was for heroism.