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THE LAW ABOUT WELLS

By George Castillo

Some people of the county are wondering why it has now become necessary to register water wells they already have or to secure permits on ones they want to drill. The reason is comparatively simple. The influx of population into the state has brought with it an increased demand for water and an increase in well-drilling operations. This, in turn, has threatened a serious depletion of ground water.

Recognizing this, the Oregon Legislature in 1955 passed the Ground Water Act to apply to the entire state. It repealed and replaced similar underground water laws which had been in effect east of the Cascades since 1927.

The new law provides a means for registration of all claims of rights to appropriate ground water for those having wells before Aug. 3, 1955. It provides for adjudication of rights claimed to determine the extent and priority of each right, and for the filing of applications and issuance by the state engineer of permits to make new appropriations.

Certain exemptions exist to the law. The law does not apply to appropriations of water for stock watering, for watering any lawn or non-commercial garden not exceeding a half acre, for single or group domestic purposes not over 15,000 gallons a day or for any single industrial or commercial purpose not exceeding 5,000 gallons a day.

Aug. 3 Is Deadline

People who already had wells before Aug. 3, 1955, now have until Aug. 3 of this year to file a registration statement. If no such statement is filed, it will be presumed that the claim has been abandoned. Only the registration is needed also for those who were constructing, altering or extending wells at the 1955 date.

These forms for registration filing may be secured from the Douglas County Water Resources Survey office at the courthouse in Roseburg or from the office of state engineer in Salem.

In most cases, those who had wells already would not be affected except for the bother of filing and payment of fees, but the law does provide for adjudication proceedings if it appears others are suffering because of the use of a particular well. For example, if excessive use of one well was drying up one owned by a neighbor, it would be grounds for adjudication.

For those starting wells after the 1955 date, the controls are somewhat tighter. They must file an application for a permit to be issued by the state engineer before starting construction. The application must include a map showing the location of the well, location of lands to be irrigated or the place of use if the water is to be used for other purposes.

The state engineer, then, has the right to accept or disapprove such applications. In one way, at least, this will serve as a protection to other well owners in a particular area. The state engineer's decision will be based on whether or not the appropriation of ground water will impair existing rights to appropriate ground or surface water. A hearing will be granted an applicant if his application is rejected. And anyone wishing to protest approval of a permit may do so also.

Protection Is Given

Some people will suggest that this is just another way for government to get its hooks into the individual, but I feel it's good business. It is a protective device to give as many people as possible a chance to secure water. It guards against indiscriminate use of wells to the detriment of others.

Because of limitations on water available, regulation becomes necessary as populations increase. Examples of this can be found in Douglas County. Two streams in years past had to be adjudicated by the state engineer (Cove Creek and Roberts Creek), so everyone would get his fair share of the water. This meant that the amounts of water from the streams had to be limited and those limitations policed by the watermaster.

Thus, benefits are spread equitably. With ground water, I think the situation is basically the same. Only certain amounts are available in any given area, and overappropriation or contamination of one well can destroy the sources of many neighboring wells.

Still Trying to Get a Nose Cone Through the Thick Political Atmosphere



Former Drain Teacher To Study In Wisconsin

By EDITH BUSH

Arthur Biederman, former grade school teacher at Drain, will attend the University of Wisconsin next year on a scholarship. He plans to return to teach in Tigard. He and his family visited friends in Drain last weekend.

Fishing Successful

Mr. and Mrs. John Rundell were successful fishermen at Crane Prairie last weekend.

Sgt. Ernest Heaton from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is visiting friends and relatives here this week. She is guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Todd drove to Falls City to attend the high school graduation exercises there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Luper and family fished at Crescent Lake last weekend.

Tom Desjardine recently visited his mother, Mrs. Ed Reisch. He arrived via airline from Vassar, Mich., and assisted Mrs. Reisch in moving to Eugene and getting settled there.

Mrs. Chester Rydell of Drain and Mrs. Charles Heiden of Elton, spent two days last week attending the Rebecca Assembly in Corvallis.

Visit Parents

Mrs. Bryce Sumway and three children from Walla Walla are visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Ruy, this week.

Visiting last week at the A. M. Bogen home was their daughter, Mrs. Willard Faulkner and daughter, Deborah, from Molokai.

Roy Halderman was under treatment at the Cottage Grove Hospital Friday and Saturday, but was able to return to work this week. An 8 pound 6 ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Lovelace May 28 at the Cottage Grove Hospital. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lovelace and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clearman.

Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh and three children from Santa Maria, Calif., visited friends here during the weekend. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lovelace, Portland; two sons, Lloyd Hughes, Eugene, Calif., and Mrs. Martha Harris of Astoria. Her brother, Doug Wertz on leave from

the U.S.S. Pictor, San Francisco, was also here for a few days to visit his family and attend graduation exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Johnson drove to Zillah, Wash., last weekend to visit her sister, Mrs. Z. E. Payne. Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. W. B. Wahl, of Superior, Wis., returned home with the Johnsons to spend the summer here.

A briefing meeting was held in the Drain Methodist Church May 24, for delegates who are to attend the annual conference in Portland in June. Regional delegates from the churches of Lane and Douglas counties attended the meeting and discussed the issues to come up at the conference.

WCS officers for the coming year were installed by Rev. E. E. Echlin at the morning church service of the Drain Methodist Church May 25. They are: vice president, Mrs. Vernon Todd; recording secretary, Mrs. W. G. Cool; treasurer, Mrs. Marguerite LaGrand; promotion, Mrs. Ernest Seaton; missionary education and service, Mrs. D. M. Duval; Christian social relations, Mrs. Alice Seaton; local church activities, Mrs. Harry Cool Sr.; student work, Mrs. Richard Duncan, and children's work, Mrs. D. Traylor.

Former Tennile Residents' Son Born In Calif.

By MRS. WALTER COATS

A son, weighing 8 pounds, was born May 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young in Los Angeles, Calif. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Young of Tennile. They have another son, Michael. The Herbert Youngs recently moved to Los Angeles where he is employed.

California Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Ruebin Huff and family of Crescent City, Calif., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Schosko at their home in Tennile. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McKenzie, daughter, Sandra, and sons, Terry and Dicky, have returned from New York and are now making their home on Highway 42 in Tennile.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nazum, Devenna, Spike, and Bonnie Nazum of Tennile and Richard Nazum of Camas Valley drove to Tennile Lake Sunday where they spent the day fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Long and family spent Sunday at Charleston visiting Mr. Long's sister, Mrs. Martin Wickoff, and Mr. Wickoff who is convalescing in the hospital in Coos Bay following a heart attack.

Glide Cubs Candlelight Webelos Ceremony Given

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

Highlight of the last pack meeting of the year for Glide Cub Scout Troop 112 was a candlelight ceremony conducted by Cubmaster Eugene Blair.

Blair presented the Webelos awards, the graduating Cub Scouts to become Boy Scouts. As part of the ceremony, Ernie McDonald, boy Scoutmaster, took part by presenting each Webelos Scout with a Boy Scout scarf to welcome him into Boy Scouting. At the ceremony, a Boy Scout escorted each Cub Scout to the platform to receive his award.

The 21 Cubs graduating were, Dale Chandler and Robert Damm; Den 2: Harry Nichols, Michael Kennedy, Geoffrey Gross, Frank Moore and Robert Hawley; Den 3: Steve Dumont; John Erickson, Leonard Olson and James Sahrstedt; Den 7: Two Cubs received graduation certificates only as they had not been members as long as the eleven Cubs.

The evening closed with the serving of refreshments, which included a decorated wedding cake.

Eligible Grade Promoted

Promotion exercises for 81 Grade eighth grade students were held Wednesday evening at the high school gym.

Ray Talbert, high school principal, was guest speaker. The junior high band and chorus provided the music, and Watson Talcott, school board member awarded the diplomas.

Hugh Clark, elementary school principal, presented a special award as follows: perfect attendance, Veronica Olson, Vivian Looney, and Thomas Gudmund; scholarship, Diane Housley and Shirley Thomas; citizenship, Vivian Looney and Fern Moore, according to correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby.

Dens Inspected

Gus William Scarf of Roseburg, Fire District Scout executive, conducted inspection of each den. Den 3, Mrs. Lincoln Kennedy; den mother, was selected by Scarf as the best appearing den in the attendance contest for the highest percentage of parents from each den. Den 7 was awarded the den mother. Mrs. Robert Miller is den mother.

A skit, "Keep America Beautiful,"

Predators Killed Many Animals

Predatory hunters in Douglas County found 86 sheep, two goats and a deer killed by predators in the first three months of the year according to the federal Fish and Wildlife Service and state Department of Agriculture.

Coyotes, dogs, raccoons and an eagle were responsible for the deaths of the sheep and a bobcat killed the deer. Coyotes also took the two goats.

These livestock losses are only those discovered by predatory hunters in their routine operations. The Department of Agriculture said other domestic and game animals undoubtedly felt prey to predators during the first quarter of the year.

Burns H. Barnes, Dale A. Bonney, George A. Copeland and Sylvester E. Tucker are the federal-state hunters in the county. They reported that they killed eight coyotes, 12 bobcats, 21 raccoons, eight skunks and 10 porcupines during April.

—Bruce Biossat—

The collision of a commercial airliner and a military jet over Maryland and a near-miss by another airliner and a B-47 near Findlay, Ohio, underscore a harsh lesson taught dramatically just a few weeks ago over the Nevada desert in a similar crash.

The lesson is that commercial aircraft and military planes can no longer be allowed to function as if they existed in separate worlds.

Thanks principally to initiative taken by the airlines themselves—and the pilots' association—much progress has been made in bringing the nation's commercial planes under new safety controls which can vastly minimize the chances of collision in air.

These controls are about to be extended to cover important cross-country routes. But this safety system bears no relation whatsoever to the operations of the thousands of military aircraft which take to the skies daily in their practice maneuvers.

The military planes function under safety regulations of their own and are under the control of Air Force and other bases, except when they are within the normal operational area of civil airports.

In the case of the United Air Lines DC-7 downed by a jet last month, investigation disclosed that the particular commercial air space being used by the jet ship that day was invaded hundreds of times daily by military craft.

Yet the military planes gave no indication of their presence, and under existing rules are not required to do so. There is utterly no coordination between civil and military craft except in airport zones.

IN AN AGE when speeds in excess of 500 miles an hour will soon be commonplace for commercial flights and already are for the military, this is a fantastic lack. Every day that goes by without some general, coordinated safety system embracing all aircraft, including private, heightens the prospect that more mid-air collisions will occur. It is well that President Eisenhower has ordered a speed-up in an emergency safety program.

And we might do well to listen to Harry Guggenheim, aviation authority, who in a report to the Cornell-Guggenheim Aviation Safety Center calls for a worldwide agency to forestall chaos in the air as we go beyond supersonic jets to space flying vehicles of all sorts. He foresees greater and greater

In The Day's News

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abolition of human slavery in the United States of America. 2. They were fighting to keep their country UNITED — "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

If men have to fight, if men have to die, it's wonderful for them to know what they're fighting for and to BELIEVE in what they're fighting for.

In Arlington cemetery in Washington Friday, tribute was paid to heroes of three other wars. The Unknown Soldier (known only to Gods of World War I, The Unknown Soldier of World War II, The Unknown Soldier of the Korean War.

Another thought — a solemn one.

The Unknown Soldier of World War I THOUGHT he knew what he was fighting for. He thought he was fighting in a war to end all wars. He believed it. Believing it, he could die in peace — if he had to die.

What of the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and the Korean War? Did they know what they were fighting for?

Anyways —

If we ever have to go to war again, I HOPE WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR.

If we have to fight again, I hope it will be ONLY in a war to save our homes, our freedoms and our way of life — and NOT for some vague concept of world peace.

FISH SEASON ENDS

ASTORIA (AP) — Commercial salmon fishing on the Columbia River ended Tuesday. The next season will be June 15-July 15.

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Reader Opinions

More Types Recreation Suggested For Summer

As the school year draws to a close we must consider the kind of recreation program we are to have in Roseburg this summer.

We already have some fine programs such as pee-wee baseball and Red Cross swimming. But in the past, the recreation program has lacked variety. It has not satisfied the interests of many boys and girls. For this reason a welcome addition would be a tennis program with tournaments and lessons.

There is certainly interest enough to warrant such a program. This is clearly shown by the crowded conditions of our tennis courts. Many more youngsters would undoubtedly gain an interest in tennis if we had a good summer program.

The program would not be expensive. The only expense would be the tennis balls and the pay of an instructor. The city could easily sponsor such a program without having it become a financial burden.

A good instructor would be easy to find. There are many persons in the city who are capable of giving tennis lessons. Among them are

several college tennis players home for the summer.

The program would result in much better high school teams. Good teams do not just happen by accident. It takes just such a program to build them. A good example is Klamath Falls. With the encouragement of a summer program nearly 80 students turned out for the high school tennis team this year, and the team has become one of the strongest in the state.

All in all a summer tennis program would not only be feasible but beneficial to the youth of Roseburg. For a good summer recreation program is one of the most valuable things the city can have to aid our youth.

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JUNTA RESIGNS

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The 13-member Cabinet of Venezuela's provisional government resigned Monday night, but the ruling junta is expected to reappoint more than half the ministers.

Government officials said the resignation was a routine procedure to permit the recently reshuffled junta to decide on any changes.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D.
(Written for NEA Service)

Anyone who feels he is self-sufficient ought to think about the number of people involved in serving him in a single day.

A whole book would be required to outline the work of the different persons who contributed to one day of our normal living.

The alarm clock which wakes us required a designer, several draftsmen, a number of miners of metals, scores of craftsmen, executives, clerks, salesmen, advertising men, packers, delivery men and dozens of other folk who were indirectly related to the production and marketing of the ringing clock.

Even your orange juice or your grapefruit at breakfast required scores of people in order to make it available this morning.

And behind all of the people and things involved was a Creator of man and of living things and of material elements.

God is in the picture not only as the Creator but also as the maintenance of the order needed for existence.

We cannot live without others and without God. Let us recognize this dependence and contribute our share in the process for our appreciation of what God and people do for us.