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FAST WATER FISHING

By Charles V. Stanton

Some of my good conservation friends won't like what I have to say today. In fact, I hate myself. Yet we must face facts.

The fact is that our tastes in recreation are changing—changing rapidly. Those of us who have fixed ideas on recreation may have to accept changes in the next few years—changes we possibly won't like, but will have to take anyway.

One thing becoming more and more evident, it seems to me, is that people are most rapidly increasing their interest in water sports. They like boating, swimming, water skiing, racing, etc. Those sports don't fit in with fast water fishing.

People want impoundments. They want man-made lakes and reservoirs. They want places where they can run their boats.

Have you been at the forks of the Umpqua recently? Below the place where the two rivers come together there is a spot of fairly deep, quiet water. Despite rafts, markers, signs and instructions, water skiers come up into the area inhabited by swimmers and fishermen. Someone, I fear, will be critically hurt, if the practice is continued. Fishing, of course, is ruined. But the water skiers come at high speed anyway.

More Impoundments Wanted

People insist on having facilities for their boats. If you doubt me, take a look at the agitation for restoration of the old dam on the South Umpqua. I'm all in favor of it. In fact, I've proposed that a series of concrete piers be built, with steel plates to fit between the piers, so they can be pulled up in period of high water, to prevent flooding, and that a roadway be built on top to the Fairgrounds and highway intersection from Southeast Stephens Street. The plan, I am pleased to report, has had some favorable reception but probably not enough. I doubt that the project will succeed immediately, although it would make a fine place for swimming and boating, particularly after upstream storage is provided.

Plans also have been discussed for dams, both power and storage, on the North Umpqua. Who do you suppose will win out in the argument that will follow proposals for dam construction, fishermen or boatmen? I'll lay two to one on the boatmen.

Those of us who like fast water, those of us who like to fish the anadromous runs, I'm afraid, are in a hopeless minority.

Not long ago I talked with a Game Commission official who had the idea of preserving the Umpqua and Rogue Rivers for fast water anglers and turning the rest of the streams over for industry and recreation. It is a fine idea, as far as I'm concerned, but I'll bet the fellow with water skis won't agree!

More Lakes Are Desired

If you question my analysis (which is your privilege) take a look at the weekend exodus for the impoundments around Eugene and Cottage Grove! Go up to Lemolo and Toketee man-made lakes and look at the boats! They're mostly anglers now, but that is only temporary. It is extremely difficult to keep the water skiers and racing boats off fishing waters at Diamond Lake, one of the world's finest fishing spots. What will it be a few years from now?

Industry is taking more and more water for industrial purposes. That water is needed. We want more industry. The only way we can get more water, and thereby more industry, I believe, is through upstream storage, whereby runoff waters are held back for release when needed.

And let's turn to the anglers! Are we getting more fishermen on fast water or in impoundments? I'll say that impoundments are drawing more fishermen, considering the distance and difficulty of travel, than fast water. A few of us still like to fish for ocean-run trout, salmon etc., but I'm very much afraid that the great majority of fishermen want more lakes and more lake fishing.

Are we old-timers about done? Must we give up our favorite type of recreation, fast water fishing, for something else? I'm very much afraid we will. People who know more about our sports fishery than do I are also of the opinion that the days of fast water angling are about through. Perhaps a few places in Oregon may be saved, but they probably will be few.

—James Marlow—

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the penalties this country pays for nonrecognition of the Red Chinese—which means we have no representative in China to talk with them—is that we don't know what they're up to. We guess.

And there's been no end of guessing these past few days on why the Chinese Communists on mainland China are blasting away at Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists on the offshore islands, like Quemoy.

Since one guess looks as good as another, here are two:

1. The Reds may wind up just trying to grab a couple of tiny, insignificant islets to boost their prestige a bit.
2. They may also be doing this to help the Soviets put pressure on the United States to get its troops out of Lebanon.

The Chinese Communist didn't start the fireworks against the offshore islands—Chiang's main force is on Formosa—until after Soviet Premier Khrushchev visited Peiping a few weeks ago.

The United States is now sufficiently concerned about the Red Chinese tactics to put the 7th Fleet on the alert around the Formosa Strait.

Two-Place War Unwanted
So long as American troops remain in Lebanon, there could be an explosion. So long as there is shooting near Formosa, the United States might get mixed up there.

The last thing this country wants is to have to fight in two places at once, and two places as far apart as Lebanon and the Formosa Strait.

So the Soviets may have felt a rumour around Quemoy might be added inducement for the United States to get out of Lebanon. Formosa and the islands of Quemoy and Matsu are heavily defended by Chiang's forces. For the Red Chinese to try to take the islands would be a bloody task. It might involve shooting with the United States.

If they tried to take Formosa—since the United States has a treaty with Chiang to come to his assistance—there almost certainly would be war with the United States.

And since this country let the Reds grab the Tachen Islands a little further up the coast a couple of years ago, and without a fight, the Reds may feel they can acquire a little more real estate, the islets, without trouble.

By getting the Tachens for free,

"Have a Nice Trip, Fellows"



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hmmmmmmmm. The congress finally adjourned. What did it do while it was in session? We aren't very sure yet. There will have to be a lot of checking up on details before we can get an accurate picture.

But of this we ARE sure: It spent a lot of money. The money it spent—or committed—will have to come out of our pockets in the form of taxes.

Here are some figures: The census bureau tells us this morning that tax collections at ALL levels of government in the 1957 fiscal year totaled nearly 99 BILLION dollars. That amounts to an average of about \$350 for every American. It amounts to approximately \$2500 for every breadwinner for a family of four.

That's what government costs us. It's quite a chunk of money. It leads us to wonder if government isn't pe "aps costing us more than is really necessary.

We hear a lot about the cost of living—which is RISING. For a decade, it has been rising at an average rate of about 2½ per cent a year.

Here are some more census bureau figures that you may find interesting: In 1957 federal tax collections were up 8.7 per cent over 1956. But the federal government isn't the only taxing unit. In 1957, state tax collections were up 8.6 per cent over 1956. LOCAL tax collections were up 11.7 per cent.

The cost of ALL government—not just the federal government alone—is up.

Why? The answer is simple. We keep demanding more and more SERVICES from government. SERVICES cost money. They don't come for free. They aren't pulled from hats. They cost money. The money has to come from somewhere. It comes from the pockets of the people.

The theory is that when government spends a lot of money it makes business better. That may be true. But, at least, you should keep this fact in mind:

That government spends comes from the pockets of the people. What government spends it reaches into your pocket and takes out.

WHAT GOVERNMENT REACHES INTO YOUR POCKET AND TAKES OUT ISN'T LEFT IN YOUR POCKET FOR YOU TO SPEND.

Drunk Charge Faces Mrs. Horace Dodge II

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mrs. HORACE E. Dodge II of the Detroit automobile family was jailed Tuesday on drunk and battery charges after a violent row with police officers and motorists.

Her companion, Chicago Sun-Times columnist Irv Kupcinet, was booked on a drunk driving charge.

She and Kupcinet were released later on bail.

Mrs. Dodge, 35, the former Gregg Sherwood, film actress, used violent language, spat on one officer and spat on and struck two motorists, policemen reported.

Mrs. Dodge and her husband have rented a home in suburban Bel-Air. She is a former "Miss Wisconsin" from Beloit and has returned to Hollywood to resume her acting career. She was a starlet five years ago before she and Dodge were married.

Red China's prestige went up a bit among its Asian neighbors, getting the islets for free now would help in the prestige department too.

And if the Soviet and Chinese Communists could work this double switch on the United States—getting American troops out of Lebanon and acquiring a couple of islets—it would be a pretty good stroke for them.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP)—What this world needs most today is a little more flattery, a revival of the good old art of apple sauce.

A great deal of ridicule has been directed at the "yes man," but he fills a great need in society. We might do well with a few more of them.

Colleges now teach everything from bridge playing to how to cook an omelette. Why don't they have a course on the technique and use of flattery?

There is a saying that "flattery will get you nowhere." That saying is out-of-date and inaccurate. The truth is that the pendulum has swung the other way. If flattery won't get it for you, nothing will.

Flattery is the banana oil that greases the wheels of progress.

It never was more needed than right now. Mankind today is homesick for applause, and crying for a pat on the back.

We live in a century which, for one reason or another, goes in for too much self-hate. Practically everyone is afflicted with a sense of guilt—from panhandler to millionaire—and has a secret feeling he's a bum.

Self-suspect Now First
Time was when most people knew their own motives were pure but suspect? The motives of others. They liked to think of themselves as being just a bit better than their neighbors—more honest, more sincere, more charitable, more moved by tolerance and good will.

No longer. Everybody seems to suspect himself first of all now. He needs no accusers. He not only casts the first stone—he casts it at himself. If he does a good deed, he asks himself cynically

Thinking It Over

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

Shoeshine capsules and carbonated beverage pills have been added to the ever growing list of items offered to man to make life easier, more interesting and more satisfying. Scores of other new items are added to life almost every day.

Some people will shun the new in favor of the old. They will hesitate to sip of the pill-made soft drink because the bottle drinks have been with us for more than 50 years.

Is it possible that we shun God because He requires change in our lives? He wants to see man progress, but He also wants man to change. In fact, He wants man to desire change. We cannot avoid change if we are going to do more than merely exist. Let us want not only material change, but also God's change of man's mind and spirit and His transformation of our habits.

Airport Money Bill Will Benefit Oregon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Airport Act passed by the session of Congress which closed Saturday, makes available to Oregon twice as much federal match money as the state has had for airport construction.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), one of the sponsors of the measure, said it provides up to \$1,475,868 for the state for each of the years 1959 through 1962.

The bill is awaiting the President's signature.

Hatfield Will Attend Secretaries' Session

SALEM (AP)—Secretary of State Mark Hatfield will attend the National Assn. of Secretaries of State conference in Salt Lake City Wednesday through Saturday.

En route, Hatfield will visit the Oregon Air National Guard training program. Thursday he has been invited to address Salt Lake City's largest service club.

Reader Opinions

Dictation Interfering With Free Enterprise

I recently read in the News-Review, under the heading "Proposed Legislation," where the next fellow in line for public utility dictatorship is the small log operator.

Perhaps you try to make an honest living, after complying with all the requirements necessary for the protection of the public, together with agreement to pay all the fees.

But a man, or men, appointed to an office in Salem can tell you that you can't operate for no reason than that some other person was born before you or got on the job first. It makes no difference that you have better equipment, can give as good or better service, and that you have persons who want to use your service, you might take some of his business! You can, and probably will, be told "no" if this legislation is passed.

Our great country has been built on free enterprise. A government that can tell you how to run your personal affairs can take those affairs, with no notice at all. By whatever term it may be designated, welfare state or something else, the program is identical with communism. Too few understand that government, according to our Constitution, is designed to give no more than three honest and legitimate functions: 1. to maintain order; 2. to prevent people from harming each other; 3. and to do for them only things that people cannot legally and morally do for themselves. Beyond those three things government should stand aside and give people freedom to live their own lives. This principle is implicit in both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

One genuine threat to our liberty today is the fast growing power of the state to interfere in our personal affairs on the claim that its directives are for the country's welfare, together with the apathy of the people to such growth. Our forefathers gave us a practical program for preservation of our freedoms that for generations have been an intimate and inseparable part of our social fabric. That program explains the freedoms we have and enjoy. This is no time to depart from it. Those who recommend that we do so are no friends of liberty and should be watched.

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RESCUERS THANKED

I would like to take this means of saying thank you to the many people who took part in rescuing my husband, Clarence L. Stone, from the sewer slide in West Roseburg. To the many men of the sand and gravel company, the Roseburg firemen and to the fellow worker, whose fast work of uncovering Mr. Stone's face and head with his bare hands saved his life. I wish to express my sincerest thanks and God bless you all, from myself and our children Clifford, Douglas and Velma.

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California Pair Killed In Crash Near Shaniko

SHANIKO, Ore. (AP)—Two San Clemente, Calif., persons were killed Tuesday when their car sped off a curve on a north central Oregon highway, two miles south of here.

State police identified the victims as Frank Richard Rover, 72, and his wife, Ruby E. Rover, 68.

A witness said the Rovers' car was traveling north on Highway 97 when the accident occurred. He told police the auto skidded 300 feet, went over a steep bank and over end and smashed through a fence.

The accident brought the Oregon traffic death total to 49 for August, making it the worst single month this year. The Associated Press tabulation shows 271 dead this year.

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Demos Blocked Bills To Please Laborites, Claim

CHICAGO (AP)—Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Ia.) told members of the Republican National Committee Tuesday that Democratic leaders in Congress blocked all legislation this year to please union bigwigs.

"Walter Reuther, David McDonald and other bigwigs in the labor hierarchy did not want restrictions imposed on their reckless activities," Simpson said, "so they simply passed the word down to those who serve them in the Senate and the House."

Simpson, chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, echoed a keynote sounded earlier by GOP Chairman Meade ALCORN for this fall's campaigns.

ALCORN said before the two-day meeting of the party's 147-member National Committee that the failure of congress to pass any measure to curb labor racketeering "is a dramatic demonstration of the need for a Republican Congress."

The National Committee laid plans for intensive campaign efforts on behalf of party candidates for Congress during September and October.

The GOP National Finance Committee met concurrently to discuss fund-raising.

A site committee to select the 1960 national convention city will be chosen tomorrow. No steps toward selection of a convention city are expected to be taken immediately.

ALCORN said that he and Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler have conferred on the possibility that conventions of both parties be held in the same city.

Danes Seek Iceland Union To Ban Fishing

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Two Danish territories flanking Iceland in the North Atlantic are trying to join that republic in banning foreigners from fishing within 12 miles of their coasts.

The Danish government has advised the self-governing Faroe Islanders that their demand for a 12-mile limit could not be met immediately.

The Greenland National Council decided Monday night to ask the Danish government to help put into effect a 12-mile limit around Greenland.

British fishermen plan to defy the new limit by Iceland, which is scheduled to go into effect Monday. The British government has said it will send gunboats to protect its fishing fleet.

Mormons To Dedicate New Temple In London

LINGFIELD, England (AP)—The spectacular new Mormon temple near here—now an open house to tens of thousands of curious Britons—closes down Aug. 31 to prepare for the three-day dedication service. About 1,000 visitors from the United States are expected to be among the congregation attending the dedication ceremonies Sept. 7-9.

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