

BPA Has Had Mighty Economic Impact

The Bonneville Power Administration may be the center of pro and anti-public power arguments for many years to come, but no one can deny the big Columbia River power project has had its impact on Oregon economy.

This year, the BPA is celebrating its 25th anniversary. It was on Aug. 29, 1937 that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Bonneville Project Act.

Since then, the project has grown to surpass any other single river basin in the world in hydroelectric development. BPA's utility operation, serving an area of 220,000 square miles, reaches into Oregon, Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana and a corner of Nevada.

From its power capacity, it has sold 363 billion kilowatt-hours of power, enough to meet the current power requirements of the entire United States for more than six months. It feeds power to publicly owned utilities (43.4 per cent) privately-owned utilities (10.3 per cent) aluminum industries (30.1 per cent) and federal agencies and other industries (15.7 per cent). Power sales to these sources for fiscal 1962 amounted to \$69 million for 29.2 billion kilowatt-hours.

The industries served by BPA today represent a gross investment of nearly \$400 million and pay annual state and local taxes ranging from \$5 million to \$7 million.

Since its inception 25 years ago, BPA has returned more than \$860 million to the U.S. Treasury, and was \$20 million ahead of its scheduled payout.

This is on an investment of \$2.4 billion in the total U.S. Columbia River

System. Of this total, \$1.8 billion is allocated to power.

Of course, everything isn't coming up roses. At the end of the annual operating year in 1962, operating deficits stood at \$17,700,000. The BPA is working on this through payout schedule revisions, increased sales in the region served and through a California intertie. A rate increase might even be in line.

Administrator Charles Luce says on the subject: "We do not believe that as a matter of policy a federal power system should operate in the red, and we are dedicated to taking such steps in 1963 as are necessary to correct this situation."

The Bonneville dam and other dams in the system reach far down into southern Oregon to help boost industry. The latest project is a new transmission line to the Reedsport area to serve the big new industries coming in there. They also furnish electricity to much of the northern part of the county through Douglas Electric Cooperative and to the Hanna nickel mine and smelter.

The BPA estimates that 99 per cent of the Pacific Northwest's farms are now electrified. It estimates typical residential and farm families in Oregon and Washington today use about 10,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year and have an average investment of about \$2,000 in electrical appliances.

The Bonneville system may be controversial, but its effect on the life and economy of Douglas County and the rest of the Northwest in its first 25 years has been tremendous.

"But You Promised!"



News Analysis

Right To Justice Is Often Overdone



By ROBERT C. RUARK

I am not knocking the right of man to gain justice by taking his grievances to court, if he can afford the fees and the lawyer's bite, but it seems to me that there are altogether too many seizures going on these days.

I got the word "sewage" from Aunt Melissa Jackson, late of Southport, N.C., who was a spinster woman from the word go, and who once remarked in my presence, "Miser Jack Robbins, he got five seizures against me already."

Aunt Melissa ran the corps of young women who headed shrimp in the shrimp-house, when she was not in court defending herself or prosecuting the unworthy. She ran the shrimp-heads with a hand of steel and tongue of fire. Melissa would plain snatch you baldheaded for getting out of line. Melissa was called fierce like a tiger cat.

But when Melissa entered into a sewage, she generally had some right on her side, as when she once asked: "Who spit at dat gob hot spit in dat chile eye?" and then proceeded to snatch the spitter baldheaded. The snatcher sued, in this case, but Melissa won on the testimony of the spittee, who

did declare under oath that somebody like the plaintiff, had indeed spat a gob hot spit right in her eye.

I do not so much hold with the recent civil action of a young man suing to get into college, irrespective of religion or color, as his reason. He sued, and lost, because his entrance examinations were 7 per cent below the required 85 per cent high-school average.

The case first went to the State Supreme Court of New York last September, and was upheld, as is popular in most court cases of this nature, these days. But recently five justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn reversed the earlier decision. In effect, the appellate boys said that what the litigant needed was not so much a lawyer as a tutor. They just said that the law had no business monkeying around with such delicate machinery as a person's ability to pass a required set of standards. The case now goes to the Court of Appeals in Albany.

I see also that an admitted homosexual has filed a suit against the Labor Department, in which he doth declare that homosexuality is not sufficient grounds for rehire after he had voluntarily quit the service.

The gentleman in question, of middle years, had voluntarily quit the service, which dealt with personnel work, after the Labor Department had accused him of continuing homosexual activities. He had passed examinations after his resignation, and had asked the government to rehire him, which the poor, old, tired government didn't, having had some experience with homosexuality in positions of hiring and firing.

(Note: During the late unpleasantness, a very brave Marine captain I knew, temporarily personal officer of the Navy base in Algiers, La., went a long time to jail for selling leaves to sailors on the basis of a homosexual interest. If you needed to see his demands you got a leave. If you didn't you didn't get home to see Mom and the kid sister.)

According to the gentleman who is bringing his sewage against the government, he does not refute the homosexuality charge, but states flatly that "his sex life, like his religion, is a private affair, and has no bearing on the case." The Civil Service Commission has said that the gentleman is not eligible for a job as personnel manager because of his immoral conduct. The instigator of the suit says that homosexuality is not immoral in nature, and the finding is arbitrary and capricious.

I really do not know how all these suits will come out, and couldn't care less, as I remember a fraternity brother of mine who once tried to beat a draft-dodging rap on the grounds that because he was homosexual he couldn't stand the temptation of going to war with so many handsome fellows.

And I also remember that in Southport, N.C., Aunt Melissa Jackson got to be something of a bore with all her sewage. At the moment, the boredom has not lessened with undue recourse to the courts. (Copyright, 1963, by United Feature Synd., Inc.)

Local News

St. Francis Xavier Altar Society is having a card party Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at the Catherlin Community Building. The public is invited. There will be door and table prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cooper, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Grace Baker, all of Willows, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Butler of Yakima, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCullough of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Ellen Buss of Rolla, Kans., Mrs. Audrey Edwards, Appleton City, Mo., Mrs. Russell Wright, Chico, Calif., Mrs. Larry Williams, Capitola, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford, Hugotun, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, Renton, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Zane of Medford were here recently to attend the funeral of Mrs. Maude Baker. They were guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sade, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Baumgardner, Mrs. Iris Nicholson, Marion Zane, Loyd Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rasmussen.

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The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

County Loses Good Friend With 'Doc' Wellman's Death

A mighty good friend has been lost by the News-Review. The sudden death of Glen (Doc) Wellman has removed a frequent contributor to our Reader Opinions column; one who has served both the newspaper and the county's thousands of bowlers, one who, in a far more important role, contributed in a most vigorous way to the advancement of Douglas County as a poultry center.

We can be thankful "Doc" went quickly, instead of suffering a lingering, painful death. He had filled his "three score years and ten" with a lot of living. And the active years of his life were given in service to others. In my estimation there is no other higher standard for measuring success.

Wellman became known as "Doc" many years ago when he entered the employ of the Douglas County Flour and Feed Co., operated for so many years by the Bashford family.

Originally one of Douglas County's pioneer flour milling operations, this concern branched out into feeds as the raising of poultry became an infant industry.

Wellman was called in as a specialist in poultry diseases and as an expert in poultry feeds.

Not only did he devote himself to the welfare of the company but, a natural promoter, he gave most energetic and able service to advancing the poultry industry.

Show Organized In company with several of the early day turkey raisers, he was one of the principal figures in the start of the turkey raising industry in Douglas County. He helped organize the original Northwestern Turkey Show held for many years in Oakland and later moved to Roseburg. It was in large measure through his persistent "goading" that a place finally was created by the National Poultry Association for the broadbreasted turkey, for which Douglas County excelled. After the classification was established for the broadbreasted turkey, Douglas County took sweepstakes prizes year after year at national turkey shows.

"Doc" always impressed me as being a frustrated newspaperman. He was extremely interested in writing for publication.

One of the most interesting and best read advertising features ever produced in Douglas County was the weekly "Feed Bag," a four-column-by-10-inch "front page" edited every Monday by Wellman. His miniature newspaper appeared regularly in The News-Review. It carried information concerning care and treatment of poultry, current news of the industry, some editorial comment, occasionally a short anecdote, and a brief "commercial."

Readers might miss the rest of the newspaper, but few people ever missed the "Feed Bag," even though not interested in raising poultry. Following retirement Wellman couldn't quit entirely. He was interested in bowling. He became secretary of the Douglas County Bowling Association. As such he edited "Pocket Splits," a weekly sports page feature by The News-Review dealing with a report on bowling activities in the county.

Ever impatient of extravagance, inefficiency, hypocrisy, Wellman frequently contributed to Reader Opinions in The News-Review. Although he might have been classified as a conservative Republican, he never failed to criticize his own party when he felt the party to be wrong. He was a firm advocate of a cigarette tax, not so much because of the revenue it might raise but because he felt cigarettes are productive of cancer and a tax might help reduce cigarette consumption.

"Doc" was a grand person. He was a good friend of this newspaper and was loved by its personnel. He will, indeed, be sorely missed by those of us who knew him well and who so appreciated his vigorous expressions of opinion.

In Days Gone By

40 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1923
Two expert dip-netters, experienced in the task of handling salmon and trout, have been stationed at Winchester by the State Fish Commission through the efforts of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club. These men will lift salmon over the dam at Winchester, or else will construct a chute through which the salmon may reach water above the dam.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club held its annual salmon bake with entertainment provided by the Douglas County Concert band.

25 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1938
The Interior Department announced yesterday it would sell 26.3 million board feet of timber along the original Oregon and California railroad line and Coos Bay Wagon Road in Western Oregon to keep the lumber mills operating in the region during the next two or three months.

Bombed twice in 19 hours, Barcelona, Spain, counted 60 dead and 150 wounded as the cost of new insurgent air attacks.

10 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1953
Construction will start in August on a new J. C. Penney store for Roseburg, it was announced today.

For the second time in a week, a fiery logging truck crash claimed the life of the driver. A man identified as Austin Willis, 44, Canyonville, burned to death in the cab of his loaded truck about one mile north of Myrtle Creek on Highway 99.

A thought for the day—English author John Morley said: "You have not converted a man because you have silenced him."

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Opinions From Readers

We Don't Honor Diety As We Should, Claim

Tuesday evening, while listening to Radio Station KQEN and its panel of high school students, I felt someone should sound an alarm as I heard those precious young high school girls wrestling with the knotty problems with which our nation is confronted.

Someone should try to awaken our people to the truth. Yet, I wonder if we will listen to truth. I wonder if we really want truth.

While I was yet a child I remember hearing the old saying: "Give the calf enough rope and he will hang himself."

Likewise, give a man enough power and he will destroy himself. Man now has this power in his hands.

God has not left us in the dark concerning these things. The Bible, which is God's word, plainly tells us what will come to pass. The Bible, itself, claims to be the word of God. We're told in Tim. II 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

While Russia tries to deny there is a God, and America claims to be a Christian nation, I am afraid we must admit that we are a sinful, pleasure-loving people. We are not honoring God the way we should.

Let's take a look at our record! Broken homes, divorces, alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, etc. Fifteen million smutty sex magazines printed every month to be

read by one-third of the American people. There are more barmaids in the U.S. than college girls. Seven out of eight children quit church or Sunday school before they are 15 years of age. There are three saloons for every school. There are two liquor stores for every church. So the list grows!

The Bible says: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Unless America repents and turns to God (and the Church needs to repent of her coldness and complacency, her worldliness and unworldliness) God may allow communism to conquer proud America and Britain.

Only a true and sincere repentance on our part, and a real turning back to God can cancel God's judgment. Can we not see the handwriting on the wall?

But I also must mention a brighter side. God has provided a "bomb shelter" for his people — to all who will repent and believe the gospel and turn from their wicked ways. This is a Holy God to whom we must give account.

Time is running out. Let us prepare to meet God. Grace D. McKnight, 1343 NE Commercial Ave., Roseburg, Ore.

COP CALLS COPS
LONDON (UPI) — A policeman recently called the cops when his wife, Amanda, took after him with a knife.

Williams got a divorce on grounds of cruelty.

Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

Question for today: What kind of person is the normal, average American wife?

You'll be surprised. She is "astoundingly normal." She is physically attractive. She is emotionally healthy. She is a good mother. She is a CONTENTED wife.

But OH, she's DULL!

Who says so? Well, it isn't just back-yard gossip, or cocktail chit-chat. It is a carefully considered profile of the males, as reported at a meeting in St. Louis of the American Psychiatric Association.

How did the study that resulted in this conclusion get started? It's quite a story. In an attempt to discover the characteristics of "the normal American male," the psychiatric investigators first studied 50 men who 12 years ago as ninth graders had obtained normal personality scores on tests given to almost 200 Minneapolis students.

That study attracted so much attention that later the wives of 38 of these men who had married at age 26 were studied. The combined results were made public at St. Louis as a part of the Psychiatric Association's week-long conference.

Most of the couples, it was learned in the study, were religiously devout and had attained the same levels of education. None had even temporarily separated from a spouse and there was no evidence of critical marital discord in their futures.

On test items reflecting "contentment with lot and life, effectiveness and over-all adjustment" both wives and husbands rated high, but on items reflecting "richness of personality" the ratings were low.

The verdict of the psychiatrists? Here it is, in a nutshell. "If these couples epitomize what may now be a relatively common adaptation of the population at large, we wish to express our mixed feelings about this adjustment."

"Such a population would promote stability or a firm backbone of the country. But THESE COUPLES' LIVES SEEM ESSENTIALLY MUNDANE AND DULL."

Well— Maybe so. But this admittedly old-fashioned scribe would like to go on record here with an opinion to the effect that if ALL our American young people who finish school and get married and tackle the job of making a living and raising a family would go about it after the manner of these young people who were studied by the psychiatrists we wouldn't need to do much worrying about the future of our country.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE:



By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — If I told you that a book had just been published under the title "How to Run a Country," who would you guess to be the author?

Leo Durocher? David Suskind? Liz Taylor? Wrong.

This book is a compilation of views on statescraft by a group of Caroline Kennedy's contemporaries. It was put together by Harold Dunn, a schoolteacher, from letters that children have written to members of Congress.

Now let me say at the outset that when anyone mentions bright sayings by children, my inclination is to run, not walk, to the nearest exit.

I hold with the old adage that "out of the mouths of babes oftentimes comes Pabulum."

But I find that when kids are writing to their congressmen they display far more erudition and perspicuity than when they are talking to their parents, or Art Linkletter.

For instance, no one who has ever engaged in a sibling rivalry could help but admire the little girl who wrote to Rep. Paul A. Fino, R-N.Y., asking him to "send me the form to disinherit sisters."

This shows that civilization has made real progress in the last few decades. In my day, we would have asked for rat poison.

It also is reassuring to note that tattle-telling has become a great deal more sophisticated than it was when I was a boy.

The kids apparently no longer squeal on each other to parents or teachers. Now they turn each other in to the Senate internal security subcommittee.

Inform On Jan. A letter received by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., of

Youngsters Tell About Statescraft

that group reads as follows: "Jan keeps her fingers crossed when she sings the Star Spangled Banner."

A child's world in respect to sex likewise has changed considerably, as witness the letter a schoolgirl addressed to the "birth control section" of Congress.

The book doesn't say to whom it was delivered, but the text of the missive went like this: "For my class project I am to get all the information I can about birth control. Can you help me or am I too expectant?"

A juvenile constituent named Gilbert wrote to Rep. Thomas M. Pelly, R-Wash., seeking the congressman's opinion on China. Gilbert added that he had already formed his own opinion "so don't give any facts."

If Gilbert continues to refuse to be influenced by facts, he probably will be elected to Congress himself some day.

Although their letters are characteristic of the modern generation, the book makes clear that there is one area in which kids haven't changed a bit. They still can't spell worth a dime.

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