

Common Sense Can Save Lives

It's that season again. With the advent of good weather and the fishing season in this fishermen's paradise, hundreds are going down to the river in boats.

The hazards of the recreation have been pointed up emphatically in the last few days in Douglas County. At Salmon Harbor, a boat capsized and three were saved from drowning in a heroic rescue by a Roseburg man. At Sawyer's Rapids, four were tossed into the river when their boat overturned. One was almost drowned.

If you're one of the hundreds of Douglas County residents who want to enjoy boating this summer, take some precautions that may save your life.

The U. S. Coast Guard station at Winchester Bay issued a reminder for one of these precautions last weekend. It urged that anyone not knowing the character of the harbor, river or bar area check with the station before shoving off. It wasn't over 10 years ago that 11 people died in a single summer at Winchester Bay because they had not made certain of the hazards of tides, winds and the treacherous bar. Since then, the Coast Guard has steadily stepped up its supervision and surveillance, but it is impossible to watch all boats.

Meanwhile, Andy Landforce, Oregon State University extension wildlife specialist, has compiled a list of reminders to be used by boatmen to assure their safety. Heading the list is the use of common sense.

He offers these rules:

1. Don't put too many passengers or too much equipment in your boat. A small fishing boat (12 feet or less) is considered fully loaded with two or three persons and their equipment. Some 14-foot skiffs or utility boats may carry four persons and their equipment safely. Wide-beamed, 15 to 18-foot runabouts may accommodate four or five persons safely.
2. Don't "overpower" your boat. It's safer for boat and passengers to have it under-powered.
3. When fully clothed, wear approved life jackets. If swimming from a boat, store approved life jackets or seat cushions for each one in the boat.
4. Before leaving home, be sure your boat and its trailer are in good shape and have the proper licenses. Check boat for cracks and leaks before every excursion.
5. Use common sense in avoiding rocks, snags, stumps and floating debris.
6. Don't stand up in the boat while traveling.
7. When getting into a boat, step carefully in the middle to avoid its tipping.
8. Know and obey boating laws and regulations. Be courteous and avoid horseplay.
9. If your boat turns over in the water, stay with it no matter how well you can swim. Many persons who drown after their boats capsize are swimmers. Float the boat into shore by holding on and paddling if no other rescue appears available.



Southeast Asia Isn't Worth It

By ROBERT C. RUARK

The amateur statesmanship which operates from Washington, while politically peachy dandy, has not existed free from fault in its decisions. We have blown the Cuba bit, and we even blew it in advance. I could cite here a piece written before the Presidential elections which was titled, in the New York World-Telegram and Sun, "Young Kennedy and Cuba," which mentioned that our peerless leader didn't know a daiquiri from a Russian technician, even that early, before the Bay of Pigs. Before he even got elected.

We have blown the tax reform excuse for the stupid slashing of taxes, and we blew it whistling past a Presidential foot in a Presidential mouth. Sir Galahad retreats; the Boston Strong Boy emerges in his purest political sense. You might like it; I find it degrading.

We're Mixed Up

The purpose of this piece has nothing to do with Cuba or taxes or even Bobby Kennedy. The purpose of this piece is merely to say: "Look, we're mixed up in as lousy a piece of nonprofitable war as ever was a Russian or a Chinese or that pathetic monument to

utility, Nehru. We are committed in Laos and Viet Nam in a war the heroes don't really want to win, and we got a full-scale bunch of mercenaries out there under the false name of technicians or military advisers. Once in a while somebody gets shot, and we act real indignant, although we sent them out there to get shot in the first place."

This is not an adventure into personal prejudice. Sen. Mike Mansfield is running a study on what the hell we're up to in Southeast Asia, since 1955, and as far as the Majority Leader (this is a Democratic administration, although I'll admit it's difficult to identify as anything, really) is concerned, all we've spent is time, lives, and about \$2 billion to achieve something less than nothing.

Another Lost

For a country which cannot really conquer Oxford, Miss., or Little Rock, Ark., which permits an Adam Clayton Powell to run the Congress, most important, domestic committee, we lose a war once more — over a period of seven years, for the love of heaven — trying to reform a mangrove swamp that nobody really needs, wants, or gives a solid damn about. And fighting an undeclared war with American troops is immoral, illegal and illegitimate. The bullets out there kill you just as dead as anything Kesselring or Rommel pitched.

The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Migrating Chinook Bigger Than Usual In Annual Run

This year's migration of spring chinook salmon has an interesting angle. From all up and down the coast comes the same report.

Fish migrating this year are bigger than usual. Commercial fishermen in the Columbia River report fewer fish than normally reported this time of year, but the individual fish is many pounds heavier.

This same factor is noticeable in the sports catch in the Umpqua River which, with the Rogue and Columbia, shares in the spring salmon migration.

Why are this year's fish larger than in any recent year?

This is one of the facts that constantly interests groups and individuals conducting research into fish populations, habitat, food and other factors.

It is a well-known fact that salmon gain their size in the ocean. Salmon spawned naturally in the Umpqua River migrate downstream when they are around four or five inches. In the Columbia River, where the downstream migration takes more time, the fish are from seven to nine inches and thus, as they migrate later than do the fish in the Umpqua and are of legal size, they suffer heavy predation from trout anglers.

After reaching salt water these small salmon grow quite rapidly. The spring chinook salmon for the most part has a five-year life cycle. There is some variation, however, as there is a percentage of four-year fish in each migration. Then there are many jack salmon, usually two and three-year-old males.

Weight Doubles

The salmon during the first three or four years of his life will gain about half his weight. Then, as he prepares for his migration, when he will spawn and die, his weight will double. This extra weight will sustain his life for several months after he enters fresh water, if he does not feed. As salmon near their spawning season it may be seen that they have grown thin as they have drawn from the reservoir of fat and flesh laid on in the last few months of their time in the ocean.

It is known that many factors affect salmon, their numbers and size, in the ocean. Salinity is one important factor. Another is the matter of food. Salmon feed, at least in part, upon the many varieties of small fishes. That's one reason they're found along the bays and inlets.

Millions of candlefish, anchovies, sardines, etc., congregate on these bars, going in and out on the tide, constantly preyed upon by cod, salmon, bass and other big fish.

That's why we have such an outstanding sports fishery at Salmon Harbor, the mouth of the Umpqua. A huge deposit of silt creates comparatively shallow water in that area, thus attracting the small fish upon which salmon feed.

Good Years Noted

Scientists are able to determine what years have been "good" years for salmon growth in the ocean.

A fish is covered with scales. As the fish grows, these scales are enlarged. Each year finds the indi-

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Wednesday, June 5, the 156th day of 1963 with 209 to follow.

The moon is approaching full phase.

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mars.

On this day in history:

In 1917, more than 9.5 million American men between the ages of 21 and 30 registered for the World War I draft.

In 1953, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill abolishing the gold standard.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that segregation practices in southern railroad dining cars and in two southern universities were invalid.

In 1962, an Air France 707 jet airplane crashed at Paris, killing 130, including 121 persons from Atlanta, Georgia, on a European art study visit.

A thought for the day—Greek painter Zeuxis said: "Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship."

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

The Fundamentals Are Often Missing

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — They laughed when I moved into the suburbs and announced my intentions to grow a garden.

"He doesn't even know which end of the hoe to use," they said rakishly.

But I showed them. I went out and bought myself a gardening book. It was one of the greatest adventures of my life.

A gardening book is guaranteed to give you more information than you can cope with on every phase of gardening except the one you are interested in.

For instance, the book I purchased was completely silent on the subject of which end of the hoe to use.

But I found that if you follow its instructions to the letter, you don't even need a hoe.

If you have a surveyor's transit, for measuring drainage angles and that sort of thing, and a fully equipped laboratory in your basement, you can get by quite nicely.

Remembering my own bewilderment when first introduced to the complexities of simple home gardening, I felt a twinge of empathy the other day upon reading an article in Roll Call, the Capitol Hill weekly.

Read Garden Column

A contributor to the paper, Bernice Yudain, reported that he had acquired a patch with a few rose bushes and had begun reading the garden columns to find out how to take care of them.

"One gathers you either go to chemical warfare school or forget the whole thing," he wrote. "A typical paragraph goes like this: 'Mulch your roses and be sure to guard against thrip, aphids, leaf mounds, parasitical fungus, black-winged thrips, Luxembourg beetles, red spider and wind-borne mites. Use a solution of fiedermouerane, two parts to one part quaziller killer No. 2, dequithain and molorozath-quamyre. Spray every hour for three weeks with a mixture of this, curare powder and phosgene. Don't neglect roots; insert anathroid compound No. 3, five gallons per root and spread surface with mustard gas, cyanide and a commercial solution of strontium 90

vidual scale a little larger than the year before. Thus the scale has "rings" as does a tree, indicating its age, the amount of growth for the year, etc. Under a microscope the scientist can determine which were the best years for the fish.

The size of fish entering our coastal streams this season would indicate that conditions in the ocean have been very favorable during the past year, or more. Could this be, at least in part, because oil companies have been testing for oil off our shores? The explosions accompanying their tests would be bringing up large quantities of food off the ocean floor. We know that off the Charlotte Islands, where currents meet and create huge boils of food, salmon have one of their most used feeding areas.

Extensive studies are being made by the fishery research groups into possible damage caused by oil explorations. Is it possible that these explorations also are having a "good" side?

Welfare Fund Transfer Set

SALEM (UPI) — A \$4 million transfer of funds from the Public Welfare Commission to the general fund will be made before the end of the month, the Emergency Board was advised today at its first post-legislative session.

The fund transfer is part of a series of reversions of money to the general fund announced earlier this year as agency spending was trimmed to keep the state operating in the black.

Most of the \$4 million was money that had been allotted for the medical care for the aged program. The program was not used as much as had been anticipated when it was started two years ago.

The Emergency Board is made up of four senators and five representatives who handle unscheduled budget transfers and emergency money matters while the legislature is not in session.

Senate President Ben Mussa was named board chairman.

House Speaker Clarence Barton is vice chairman, and Rep. Beulah Hand, D., Milwaukie, was named secretary.

Other board members include Sens. E. D. Potts, D-Grants Pass, and Harry Bovin, D., Klamath Falls, and Reps. Stafford Hanel, R-Hermiston, Shirley Field, R-Portland, and Ross Morgan, D-Gresham.

The board set its next meeting for June 28.

In other action today the board approved several fund transfers within agencies to enable them to keep their budgets in a balance through the end of the biennium. No additional general fund allocations were involved.

Little Liz

Kissing a girl just because she lets you is a lot like scratching a place that doesn't itch.

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Ways, Means Group Had Ponderous Job

SALEM (UPI)—Fourteen members of the 1963 legislature worked and then went home wearing, with some pride, special "badges of distinction"—little gold pins in the shape of a meat cleaver.

These were the 13 men and one woman on the powerful Ways and Means Committee who had the job of deciding how much the state should spend in the 1963-65 biennium.

The pins meant different things to different people.

To Gov. Mark Hatfield, whose remarks started the exclusive had it meant the committee was hacking away essential parts of his \$495 million spending program.

To House Tax Committee Chairman Richard Eymann it was a symbol of the state's money problem and the need from the new taxes he was trying to raise.

To nervous educators, who spend the biggest chunk of state money, it meant a threat hanging over the funds they were pleading for to keep the quality of education high from first grade through college.

To the Ways and Means Committee — a group knitted into a club through long shirt-sleeve sessions starting at dawn and running late into the night over foot-high stacks of budget books listing expenditures from a new building to a typewriter—and to the legislature that supported most of their decisions, it meant this:

Balance Sought

—A job well done of striking a balance between what a healthy Oregon needs and what her financially-strained taxpayers want to pay for.

The legislature ended up with a budget of \$404 million in the surface, about \$1 million less than Hatfield proposed.

In reality, however, counting considerable fund shifting, the legislature came up with a spending program about \$5 million under the governor's.

The lawmakers cut millions from the Hatfield program, and added millions in new programs. They came up with a \$8 million one-shot fund for schools where Hatfield had planned to use general funds. And they decided to use \$10 million in general funds for college buildings where the governor had planned to borrow through bonds.

Hatfield insisted his program was the least Oregon could spend and still keep services at the same level. Educators, and many other state agencies, argued even Hatfield's proposals were too little.

The legislators insisted even their cuts would not impair state services.

In fact, they replied, their long study they had improved on Hatfield's spending blueprint by removing the last vestiges of "fat" while fortifying some spots that were too lean.

Since money determines what the state can do, the committee was deciding policy for the next two years. And the committee didn't stop at sums of money. It also overhauled many budgeting procedures that spell out just how the money is appropriated and spent.

The \$104 million is a record, as budgets for this growing state have been for some years.

Other Money Spent

That doesn't represent all that Oregon will spend in 1963-65 — only the general fund portion collected from taxpayers.

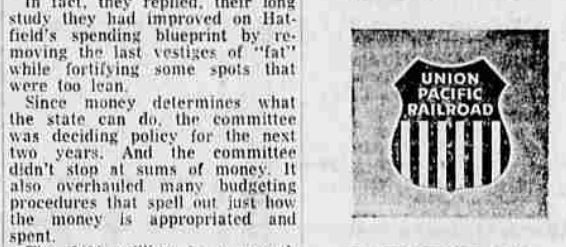
In all, the spending program comes to some \$1.2 billion — the rest coming from pledged funds such as the gasoline tax, special fees such as those paid by fishermen or students, and federal

SINGER TO WED

STATELINE, Nev. (UPI) — Actor Robert Goulet, 29, announced Tuesday he and actress Carol Lawrence, 30, will be married Aug. 12 in New York.

Goulet, a Canadian who attained fame in "Camelot," and Miss Lawrence, star of the original Broadway production of "West Side Story," each has been married once before.

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SALEM (UPI)—Taxpayers who pleaded for more money for education, expanded welfare, and other state services are about to get the bill — a tax increase.

Figures prepared today by the State Tax Commission show what the out-of-pocket cost will be:

—\$5,000 income: Single person, \$33 increase; couple, \$28 increase; family of four, \$28 increase.

—\$8,000 income: Single, up \$43; couple, up \$40; family of four, up \$66.

—\$10,000 income: Single, up \$32; couple, up \$65; family of four, up \$82.

—\$15,000 income: Single, up \$84; couple, up \$83; family of four, up \$115.

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