

Olalla Feasibility Report Draws Nearer

The "moment of truth" is getting closer on Olalla Dam.

By the end of the month, the final feasibility report will be completed at Salem and sent on to the Boise, Idaho, regional office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

This step is a long way behind the original schedules indicated by the Bureau, but with the tremendous number of specific studies which have been made, it's not surprising it should be off a year or two in estimates.

One of the main reasons for what appears to be long delays is the factor of benefits. Since 1957 when the Bureau first began poking around at the Olalla Creek site, Congress has at intervals added other factors which can be counted as benefits. This meant that federal or state agencies of specialists had to make studies so these benefits could be included in the final report.

In those six years, Congress has decided fish and wildlife, industrial and municipal water supply, recreation and water quality control (pollution abatement) could be included as benefits.

This called for extra studies by the state Game Department, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Park Service and U. S. Public Health Service. All these meant extra time was needed.

But we have a feeling the time was well spent. Judging from reports at the Bureau office in Salem, all the factors involved have added up to a highly feasible cost-benefit ratio. John Mangan, area engineer for the Bureau, left little doubt about the report being favorable when he said, this week at Canyonville, he has "every reason to believe it is a good project and will be glad to support it in Congress."

The fact the Congress acted in adding other factors for consideration of the report looks so favorable. When the dam was originally considered, the only benefits possible were hydroelectric (of which there are apparently no possibilities), flood con-

trol and irrigation. On just flood control and irrigation, it was doubtful that yearly benefits would match yearly costs.

The additional benefits approved by Congress also give a brighter hue to the other three dams being considered in the county. Without them, the Tiller damsite would probably have been discarded long ago. As it is, this key dam in the proposed system is gaining favor to the point it might be built of concrete and include an electric power generating facility. (All the other dams will be earth-fill.)

While on the subject of benefits, we can't stress enough the need for farmers and other possible irrigators in the areas of all four dams to let the county Water Resources Survey office know if they are interested in receiving irrigation water. This indication from landowners doesn't bind them, but it is considered in determining possible benefits. The more who indicate a desire for irrigation water, the higher the benefits for irrigation will be and the better the possibilities of having a favorable total cost-benefit ratio. If, after the studies are over, those who indicated a desire for irrigation water don't like the costs they would have to pay, they will not be held to their original estimate of land to be irrigated. But the important first step is getting a good cost-benefit ratio, so all possible benefits can be figured in.

The people of the county certainly deserve high praise for their unflinching interest in the projects being considered, despite what appears to be a long, drawn-out series of studies. It is this great interest which has kept the federal and state agencies working with vigor in completing the studies.

This interest will become more important in the months to come because Congress, which is highly sensitive to the desires of the people it represents, will be making the final decision. We shouldn't miss a nifty chance to put in a plug with our congressional representatives.

"Mind If I Look Over Your Shoulder?"



Fresh Shuffle Needed By GOP

By ROBERT C. RUARK
Lord knows I like Ike, and I love that dame named Mame. (Both might remember I had something to do with the successful sloganizing.)

But I do not see the general as anything more than a retired President and a retired Chief of Staff. I certainly do not see him as the doyen of the party to which he actually defected. Ike was a Democrat once, remember?

From what I read the line forms to Gettysburg, seeking Eisenhower approval for possible shots at the Republican nomination. I am prepared to vote for Art Buchwald, if not for Harold Stassen, but I do not think that the Eisenhower stamp is necessary for the run. Ike won a fine war. Ike kept us free from Adlai Stevenson. Ike made golf worthy of Secretary Reston. Ike endowed us with a freedom from excessive Presidential rhetoric. Ike kept Mame at home. Ike was — is — pretty damned wonderful.

GOP "Short Of Peanuts"
But I don't think we need him as a leader of the Young Turks. The Young Turks are having trouble enough already with Goldwater, Rockefeller and a lot of other people named Wilbur, including one retired named Harold Stassen. Not since they prematurely exhumed Alf Landon has the G.O.P. been so short of peanuts for the elephant.

What the party does not need is an elder statesman. Too many things people don't like are associated with the Republican past, and almost all of it is connected to failure.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, who collected a cold wind not of his own blowing, when he assumed responsibility for the Depres-

sion — which was certainly not of his own making — had the good grace to go fishing when he quit the executive office. Mr. Truman was a cantankerous fellow, but when he quit he basically quit. He just played citizen, and shot off his face when it pleased him. In any case he didn't try to organize the Young Turks.

As a matter of fact, I don't think Ike's trying to swing his weight very much, either. Certainly he didn't swing it for Dick Nixon when Richard was aiming for the succession. It appears now that all of the people are inferring that Ike's for 'em instead of agin 'em. The communications on Stassen's latest bid are the kind of mimeographs you send out in response to begging letters.

Transfusion Needed
The Republicans, it seems to me, are standing sorely in the need of complete transfusion. They don't need a Queen Mother; what they need is a candidate. And they don't need a candidate who's been whipped to his knees so often that defeat is synonymous with his name.

I think Dick Nixon would be a good President, but his grin is sour with defeat. Tom Dewey would make a good President too, but his mouth is full of ashes. Stassen has only narrowly missed being defeated for the office of dogcatcher. To announce his availability for the Presidential race, with the inference of Eisenhower backing is about as ridiculous as if I

stood for public office. I'd rather vote for Buchwald. At least he knows he's a comedian.

Mister General Eisenhower cannot, I think, nominate any of the aforementioned by endorsement. And I don't think he can do much for Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Goldwater either. There is too much legend still fragrant with Ike's last administrative years, including the walkout at the summit.

Farm System Suggested
As an expert observer of the political scene for the past quarter century, I really think the Republicans ought to concede the battle this trip, and spend the next four years building up a farm system, like the Yankee, Casey Stengel couldn't make the Mets go. Certainly Eisenhower can't make a Stassen or Dewey or Rockefeller or Nixon (he got beat in his own state for Governor) into a pennant contender.

What we need is a new coach, and a lot of hungry young people who don't know defeat, haven't been unpopularly divorced, and aren't members of a strict faith which has bylaws against Negroes and conflicting religious sects. We might even need people who are not lumped with towns in Pennsylvania (who needs Scranton?), or the Standard Oil Co., or even former Generals of the Army.

What the Republicans need is a new deck, a fresh shuffle, and they might as well spend the next four years inspecting the cards.

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Six Tricks Are Only Six Tricks

By OSWALD JACOBY

(Written For NEA)

"But partner! I held 100 honors," mumbled South.

"Honors are more dangerous to bridge players than auto accidents," said North.

Honors really had killed North and South this time. Or perhaps it was the fact that South, in common with many bridge players, wanted to play the hand himself. A little consideration would have told him that his six spades would take

it seems that West had opened the deuce of hearts!

It is a pretty good rule to avoid underleading aces against suit contracts, but this time West decided that he had a lot to gain and very little to lose.

The lead really gave South a problem. He finally played the three from dummy. East won the trick with his ten and returned a club whereupon West underled his ace of hearts a second time. South could have made the rest of the tricks had he played dummy's king, but South was looking at only two hands. He played the jack and East's queen and West's ace plus the ace of clubs gave the defense their necessary four tricks.

All very beautiful, but had North been allowed to play three no-trump there would have been no way to beat him.

♥+CARD Sense♦♦
Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 4♠ 5♥ 5♠ Pass ?

You, South, hold: ♠AKQJ732 ♥2 ♦3 ♣AK44
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner is competing, not trying for a slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You pass. West bids six hearts and North and East pass. What do you do now?

North (D) 17
♠ 8
♥ K J 3
♦ A Q 8 5 4
♣ K Q 10 2

WEST EAST
♠ 10 7 3 ♠ 5 4 2
♥ A 6 5 2 ♥ Q J 10 8
♦ K 6 3 ♦ J 10 7 2
♣ A J 6 ♣ 9 8 4

SOUTH
♠ AKQJ96
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 9
♣ 7 5 3
Both vulnerable
North East South West
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
3NT Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥2

six tricks at no-trump as well as at spades.

Of course, East and West had come up with a super defense against the four spade contract.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



'Biting' Tobacco Takes Edge Off

By DICK WEST

United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Everywhere you go these days you hear people talking about quitting smoking. Which probably does them a lot of good.

As long as their breath is out-bound, they can't very well inhale.

I believe the record will show, however, that the ratio of people who talk about quitting to those who actually do quit is roughly 49,280,521 to 13 and 1/2. The 1/2 is y'r h'mbl' e'r'r's'p'nd'nt.

I quit smoking about 18 months ago but technically I do not represent a complete abstainer because I have not entirely given up tobacco. Instead of smoking tobacco I now bite it. There is a reason for this.

People who stop smoking almost invariably find themselves eating a lot more. And the papers these days are filled with warnings about the dangers of over-eating.

In effect, then, they are only trading one suspected health hazard for another. In order to realize any gain from the transaction, they must also find a way to lose weight.

The most effective method of keeping one's weight down is exercise. Which brings up the danger of over-exercising.

I try to avoid these secondary risks by carrying around a few cigars in my pocket.

At such times as I might ordinarily reach for a sweet, or start doing knee bends, which are the usual substitutes for smoking, I bite the end off a cigar.

Since I became a tobacco biter, I have lost several pounds. Also several friends. You would

be surprised at how intolerant some people are. For smokers who would like to kick the habit but are unable to adjust to tobacco biting, I would recommend a method discovered by Bob Cross, a local orchestra leader.

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The idea was to see if he could fill the tuba with smoke. After he recovered, he never smoked again.

"I can't guarantee that the Cross method will always work, however. Some people who try it might swear off the tuba instead.

Or they might continue to do both. The music wouldn't be much but dig that crazy filter!

The Almanac

Today is Friday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 1964 with 349 to follow.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter, Venus and Saturn.

Those born today include American inventor, statesman and author, Benjamin Franklin, in 1706.

On this day in history: In 1806, a baby was born in the White House for the first time as the daughter of Thomas Jefferson — Martha Jefferson Randolph—gave birth to a son.

In 1917, the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million.

In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower assumed command of the Allied liberation forces.

In 1961, the deposed premier of the former Belgian Congo, Patrice Lumumba was murdered.

A thought for the day — Gen. Dwight Eisenhower once said: "Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends."

Resource Group's Decision Blow To Sports Fisherman

SALEM (UPI) — The Governor's Committee on Natural Resources indicated Thursday it would formally oppose an initiative measure which would outlaw commercial salmon and steelhead fishing on the Columbia River.

Gov. Mark Hatfield named a four-man committee to draft the formal wording of the resolution, which probably will be adopted at the committee's next meeting.

The decision is a blow to sports fishermen, and the Save our Salmon and Steelhead Group which is sponsoring an initiative measure to outlaw the commercial fishery on the river.

Named to the drafting committee were Dean F. E. Price, Oregon State University; Robert W. Schoning, state fisheries director; P. W. Schneider, Game Commission director; and Chris L. Wheeler, state engineer.

Resolution Postponed
The committee postponed adoption of a resolution submitted today by Wheeler which stated "the committee recommends against enactment of the initiative petition at this time."

The resolution asked by Hatfield is to include a statement

that both Fish and Game Commission biologists agree that there would be no benefit to the fish run if the initiative were adopted.

The statement also is to point out that there is a "user interest" conflict between sports and commercial fishermen, and that minor changes in present regulations would allow the Fish Commission to more rigidly control the Columbia salmon and steelhead escapements.

Wheeler and Schoning apparently wanted the resolution enacted today. But Schneider insisted he felt the Game Commission should remain neutral, and not make a recommendation.

Pointing to the running conflict between the Game and Fish Commissions over management of the fishery resource, Hatfield said, "This is a rare occasion when both the fish and game biologists agree that there would be no biological gain from the initiative."

Conservation Eyed
He pointed out "the important point of this whole controversy is that the committee is dedicated to the conservation of our

TOO FAR LEFT

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (UPI) — Dorothy Healey, 49-year-old secretary of the Southern California Communist party, got into trouble with the law last week for being too far to the left—in traffic, that is.

Police officer Arthur Hobday said he cited Mrs. Healey last Friday for making an illegal left turn at an intersection in this Southern California beach town.

The Editor's Corner



By Charles V. Stanton

Products Of 'Weed Tree' Offer Big Future Market

The Weyerhaeuser Co., one of the country's largest manufacturers of timber products, has been getting a great deal of publicity recently.

It hit the news columns with an announcement of discovery of a new drug obtained from paper mill effluent. The drug, now undergoing extensive research, promises to join the "miracle drugs" of late years.

Another recent announcement is that the company will spend some \$30 million to triple the output of its plant at Springfield. As Weyerhaeuser is one of the principal owners of timber in Douglas County, we can expect that a large amount of our timber resource will be cut to feed the company's plants at North Bend and Springfield.

Another item of great interest is found in a recent issue of Weyerhaeuser News, a trade magazine which features an article concerning a new product, "Silvaplex."

Silvaplex is being produced in a forest plastics plant at Marshfield, Wis. While the magazine says the method is a refinement of a German process, it seems to me to be closely related to a product which appeared at the U.S. Forest Service experimental laboratory in Madison, Wis., during the Second World War.

The Weyerhaeuser magazine does not detail the technique used in the manufacture of this new product. It does say, however, that a great deal of research was necessary before the German process could be used successfully on U.S. wood. The material made by German manufacture from that country's wood could not be reproduced exactly with wood available in the United States.

The wood finally selected is aspen. Aspen is one of the country's so-called "weed trees." It is a rapidly growing wood. It is to be found in many parts of the country presently having very limited commercial production of wood. Thus Silvaplex promises to become a most important product for areas now having little in the way of forest economy.

Judging from information contained in the magazine, together with pictures, it would seem that aspen is reduced to fiber. The fiber is made into a sort of a paper. The layers of this paper, under heat and extreme pressure, then may be fused into a solid molded state.

Wood by this method, now being made into shapes and contours previously available only in metals, plastics and other moldable materials, is stated. School desk tops, superior to desks which have gone before, seemingly offer a large future market. These desk tops, by the way, supposedly are impervious to knives wielded by youngsters who enjoy carving their initials into ordinary wooden desks. Another use is that of kitchen counter tops, rifle stocks, archery equipment, table tops, trays, tops for washers and dryers, carrying cases, strong boxes, chair seats, etc.

During the Second World War the Forest Service laboratory at Madison came up with a lightweight airplane bucket seat made from wood.

The wood was first reduced to paper. The paper was impregnated with chemicals and adhesives. Many layers of this paper then were subjected to pressure and heat in molds which produced the seats.

These seats were produced for the federal government and were used in aircraft where weight was an essential part of military usefulness. But the process was too expensive for general manufacture. I saw samples of it after the war when Forest Service representatives were studying the market to learn if they could find some way of utilizing the process through private enterprise. But the process apparently was too expensive. It would appear from the Weyerhaeuser article that the German method is cheaper.

In any event the appearance of this new product, in which wood takes on the character of moldable plastic, bears out the belief expressed in this column on numerous occasions that the future of our wood industry lies in manufacture other than timber and boards.

While aspen may be the material presently needed for making Silvaplex, it will not be long until research uncovers new uses for our Douglas Fir.

In Days Gone By

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 17, 1924

Dodge Brothers Advertisement. "When winter intensifies your desire for closed car warmth and protection, remember that Dodge Brothers Type-B Sedan is almost as inexpensive to own and operate as an open touring car. The price is \$1250 f.o.b. Detroit — \$1475 delivered. J. O. Newland & Son."

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 17, 1937

A capacity crowd last night attended the formal dedication ceremonies sponsored by the Rose School Parent-Teacher Association and the district school board at the newly completed Rose School building. Following an interesting program, over which Principal E. S. Hall presided, those attending were conducted by ushers on a tour of inspection through the building.

The program included selections by the high school orchestra, directed by J. D. (Snap) Gilmore, and address of welcome by Mrs. Robert Mercer, PTA president, after which a history of the school was given by Miss Adeline Stewart, who was a teacher when the first Rose school was erected. The dedication prayer was given by the Rev. Morris Roach, pastor of Presbyterian Church.

10 YEARS AGO
Jan. 17, 1954

Judy Bellow, Douglas County's most famous polio victim, will be the final judge for the winner of the mystery voice contest being conducted in the county this year. The announcement was made by Bob Grant, information director of the drive. Preliminary judging will be handled by Mrs. Jack Cummins, Mrs. Leonard Johansen, Mrs. Jean Ogle and Mrs. O. J. Felt.

The object of the contest is to name the man behind the mystery voice which is broadcast over the local radio stations at intervals.

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