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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

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At this time petitions are being circulated to have a measure put on the May ballot to close the Columbia River to commercial fishing. This bill would close the Columbia River to OREGON COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN ONLY.

There is no division in the river between Oregon and Washington; therefore, the Washington nets will fish the whole of the Columbia. Under this bill, fish caught in the Columbia river cannot be canned in Oregon nor can such fish be legally sold in Oregon markets.

This group, "Save Our Salmon and Steelhead," will tell you when challenged, "First we will close out the Oregon commercial fishing, then Washington". The only group in Washington, to my knowledge, that favors this is the Washington Sportsmen's Council. The commercial groups term this Oregon closure illogical and publicly state that the Columbia will not be closed to the commercial nets.

Our sister state is very mindful of the need for industries to build up their state's economy. What's happening to our thinking?

The Isaac Walton League is supporting this as a "conservation measure". If this is true conservation, then the whole of the Columbia and all the streams flowing into it should be closed to all fishing in both Oregon and Washington and not just Oregon.

To protect the spawning beds from damage, there is no commercial fishing allowed within 5 miles below Bonneville Dam. On the other hand, sportsmen are allowed into the spawning areas. They take prime spawning fish and walk on the spawn. Many of the fish sportsmen take in these areas are small salmon and steel-

head. Yet these groups try to give the impression the commercial men are some kind of monsters - taking all and giving nothing to our economy. But, the commercial fishermen own their boats and each owns an average of from two to four nets at a cost of about \$1200 each. Each commercial man pays about \$45 per year for a commercial fishing license, \$12 a year for his boat license, and if he has a helper, he pays another \$7.50 for a helper's license. There is also a hair seal hunter's fee to ride the waters of these predators. Also, in this area this year they each paid \$350 as a drift fee - some years it's higher. This is to clear snags, stumps etc. from the drifts. They also have the expense of gas, repairs, etc.

Most of the fish is contracted to the canneries who, in turn, pay a poundage fee to the state on all the fish bought.

The commercial season has been shortened so they fish from 90-100 days a year. They are unable to fish all the time allotted to them because of tides or water conditions. The biologists can open or close the fishing periods as they see fit. If the fish come into the river sooner than normal or are later and the escapement over the dams are too small, they close the waters to commercial fishing so that fishing is regulated to the best interests of conservation.

As this so-called sportsmen's groups says of the commercial fishermen, "This is such a small group". It may be small but it is income to our state and it is the livelihood of these men.

If commercial fishing is outlawed in Oregon, will the state buy their drift rights, boats, nets etc. and teach these men new skills so they will be able to support their families?

What possible advantage would Oregon sportsmen gain by barring Oregon commercial fishermen

from the Columbia River when Washington commercial fishermen can fish the river from bank-to-bank?

I have no monetary interest in commercial fishing but it seems to me that this unfair measure needs a great deal of careful investigation and thought.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. Wm. Oyala
Rt. 1, Box 176
Clatskanie, Ore.

Dear Sirs:

Judge Howeller's fine letter in last week's Post should receive serious consideration from all who are interested in our country's future. Freedom of speech is the basic freedom without which other freedoms cannot survive.

Our second most important privilege is free election. Upon these two freedoms rests the great structure of American life, culture and attainment. As Judge Howeller writes, less than two thirds of our citizens exercise this right.

If I may, I would like to make a suggestion that could conceivably alter this statistic. When we hear someone decrying our government, our laws, our people or our methods, let's ask if the speaker voted in the last election. If he did not, the obvious should be made clear to him. If he did not exercise his right to change things, he has little right to criticize existing conditions.

If this simple and logical question could become a habit with a majority of us, I am confident it would increase the roster of registered voters and politically active citizens.

Very sincerely yours,
Sheldon Ellwood
P. O. Box 253
Sandy, Oregon.

Toes In Hose Make News As Sock Hop Bans Shoes

The PTA sponsored Sock Hop, to be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at the grade school's new gym, should be easy on the feet. No shoes will be allowed and, according to the dance committee, all shoes must be checked at the door.

If your socks need darning or aren't as dashing as you would like, then you may wear your jazziest or saddest TV slippers. Almost anything goes in the way of foot wear as long as it isn't shoes and does bear a resemblance to socks.

Reason for the socks is that shoes could damage the surface of the gym floor, so absolutely no heels will be allowed - on your feet that is.

Prizes will be given for the weirdest, prettiest, most original etc. socks, and all proceeds will go the PTA teacher scholarship fund. Tickets are a mere \$1.50 per couple and may be purchased at the door or from any PTA member.

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The dance will start at 9 p.m. and last until midnight. High School students are invited to attend. The high school Pep Club will sell refreshments of hot dogs, coffee and pop. The high school German Band will entertain during the intermission. P. S. The committee says: Socks, Yes! Pedal pushers and jeans, NO!

Cottrell Doings

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Mr. and Mrs. William Booth were visited Saturday by their grandson Richard Booth, who with three other boys from Scout troop 282, of the Lynch district, were doing their 10 mile hike.

After getting warm and dry by the fireplace and well fed by grandmother Booth, they were taken back home by Howard Booth who has worked with the troop as scoutmaster for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyer and brother Alfred made a trip recently to visit relatives at La-Center, Wash. Alfred has been spending a few weeks vacation here from Seattle.

Mrs. Rachel Sandblast has been staying in Portland visiting her daughter Mrs. Al Bergman.

Open house was held Sunday afternoon at the Duane Johnson home on Reynolds road, honoring the recently married couple, Duane and Doris Johnson. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds.

Mrs. Clarence Griffin acted as hostess. At the reception table, cutting the cake was Deloris McClain, pouring was old Reynolds. At the reception table, cutting the cake was Deloris McClain, pouring was Mrs. Harold Landy, and serving punch Karen Gregus. A pole light was given the couple. Mr. Johnson is from Canby, his parents and grandmother came from Canby.

Fun With Flowers

Final peach leaf curl control is now due on fruit and flowering peach trees, weather permitting. Cover the entire tree prior to bud swelling. Take old fruit mummies from the trees and destroy them this spring.

Lime sulfur, puritized agricultural spray and TAG are the fungicides suggested for home garden or commercial use -- all are liquid fungicides and are easier to handle than the preparation of Bordeaux mixture.

To prepare 3 gallons of spray, add 3 Tablespoons of puritized agricultural spray, or 1 1/2 Tablespoons of TAG, or 4 cups of lime sulfur, to 3 gallons of water. Use a sticker with each fungicide.

Fixed or proprietary coppers e.g. (Microcop, C.O.C.S. and Tri-basic Copper Sulfate) normally do not stand up to rains but some peach growers prefer them because they are easier to mix.

Lime sulfur will discolor paint on houses and other buildings. Use canvas, cardboard or polyethylene sheets to prevent the lime sulfur spray or spray drift from getting on adjacent painted buildings.

Puritized Agricultural Spray and TAG contain mercury and are deadly poisonous if taken orally. Store the material in a safe place away from children and pets. Both of these fungicides cause a mild skin burn on some people.

People's Forum

To the Editor:

I note on the front page -- dating Jan. 30, 1964, the picture of Audrey Colson, George Burg, Helen Lamke and Ruth Burg, due to the mistake in taking the picture.

I would say from my 70 years of leg observations that George Burg's legs belong to Audrey Colson; Audrey's legs belong to Helen Lamke, Helen Lamke's belong to Ruth Burg and Ruth Burg's belong to George Burg. Thank you for the chance to help solve the problem.

Yours truly,
V. Dell Butler
Rt. 1, Box 314
Oregon City, Ore.

Editors Note:

Thanks for your help Mr. Butler. We're sorry to say you're only half right. Go to the "Sock Hop" Saturday, Feb. 8, at Sandy grade gym from 9 to 12 p.m. to see the legs attached to their rightful owners.

Farmers Union

The snow storm prevented many from attending the Farmer's Union meeting at the Goodwin Olson home. Some started out, but because of the heavy snow which made driving almost impossible in some areas they were glad to turn around and go back home. Even so twenty two people enjoyed Pot Luck together and the program which followed.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elkins. Bob is our State President. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Bina Peret, Mrs. Nichols

and Dag Strommen. Keith and Glen-na Olson played for us, after which Dag showed us pictures and told us about his country. Dag is an exchange student from Trondheim Norway and is sponsored by American Field Service aided by the Sons of Norway. Dag is a Senior at Gresham High School, is majoring in Languages studying for the Diplomatic Service. He lives with Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of the Gresham area. After several questions were answered about Norway the business meeting was called to order by Chairman Hewitt. Mr. Elkins told us about the difficulty in getting a good Farm Program because of the many commodities to be considered. He also announced a meeting to be held Feb. 15 in the Grange Hall between Canby and Aurora, starting at 1 p.m. Pot Luck supper at 6:30 p.m. with the Junior program following. Their awards will be presented at this time.

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