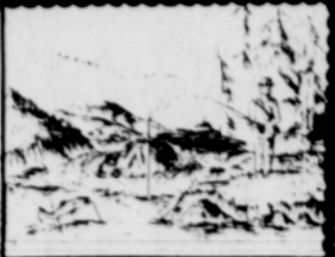


FROM
The RIVER'S
EDGEBy
George MacAlevy

It seems that every new philosophy to take the public acclaim is always pursued too earnestly and too narrowly. The ecology and environment issues that focus our attention to all the ills we have perpetrated on nature are the current rage. No industrial or civic project escapes the opposition of the environmentalists.

The current way of operating for the major environmental groups is to take a stand against everything at the very beginning. Some of these stands are well grounded and some are not. As a result of this overall opposition whether or not the opposition is grounded in facts; the industrial community is striking back. The inevitable backlash is at hand.

We have an energy crisis, which is a tool that every facet of the industrial world can use as a tool to fight the environmentalists. The true

conservation programs are also under attack in the name of solutions to the energy shortage. That this shortage of oil, gas, and electricity is occurring all at once in all three areas raises the suspicions of many as to how much of the shortage is real and how much is contrived. It is just too convenient and timely for it to be entirely a coincidence.

Locally, we have been putting forth a lot of effort on behalf of the Sandy River. P.G.E. had agreed to allow a minimum flow of 200 cubic feet per second flow over Marmot Dam this summer. Now this convenient energy crisis has been used by that company to amend their position to allow only 100 cfs over the dam. Both the Fish Commission and the Game Commission have acquiesced to this without argument. The organizations which first brought this plight of the Sandy's summer flow below Marmot to everybody's

attention and forced the situation to a head has been left out entirely in these last discussions. I refer to The Northwest Steelheaders and their Mt. Hood Chapter.

Sure, P.G.E. has their problems. The squabble over the Harborton project has been in part unnecessary, and the interference of the various bodies politic has no doubt influenced their actions. They have been beset at every turn by environmental obstructions to all their projects. However, these new installations are not really as deadly to the environment as is this Marmot Dam-Bull Run Complex. This latter is an old inefficient producer of electricity at best, and from an economic standpoint is not good business in light of current technology. But because of this so called energy crisis, every issue will now be compounded by the economic impact of the shortage of power.

We have had an era of environmental overkill. Some of the environmental arguments that resulted in killing projects did not have provable merit. Every issue came down to an economic vs. environment standoff. Unprovable contentions by well meaning but misguided persons or organizations have held up projects with costly delays. That a backlash by the industrialists would result was inevitable. The environmental impact of the Alaska pipeline is still an issue but the convenient oil shortage will solve this in favor of the industrialists.

Nader has raised a huge scare factor concerning nuclear power plants. The element of danger there is akin to the likelihood that all the dams on the Columbia River would go out at the same time and cause a monumental flood. But this is holding up Nuclear Power plant installations, which in turn gives fuel to the shortage cry of the power companies. This in turn backs into the local desecration of the Sandy by Marmot Dam and in the name of the power shortage, actual or contrived, P.G.E. will use it to excuse their continual slow killing of the Sandy River.

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All campgrounds are now open in the ZigZag Ranger District.

You will find new organization in all campgrounds. It is hoped this new organization will help preserve plant life. Remember barriers along roads and spurs were put there for a purpose. Please do not move them.

Two three-unit campgrounds have been closed this season due to excessive ecological site deterioration. They are Phlox Point and Nanich Campgrounds. As reported earlier, Devils Meadow Road 27 has

been scarified and closed. The road now ends at the ZigZag Mountain trailhead where there is parking for approximately eight vehicles. Management of this area in other respects remains the same as in previous years.

If you are in the Trillium Lake area don't forget to come to the Saturday evening campfire and Naturalist talk which starts at dusk in the picnic area. Annebelle Garcia will be happy to answer questions on wild flowers and local history. The picnic area will be closed to automobile traffic after 6 p.m. Saturday evenings, for the campfire program.

TRAILS

Although the Discovery Trail is a continuing project, we welcome you to visit this trail designed for the handicapped, the blind, or senior citizens. To date the trail and parking area have been laid out and paved, and a bridge has been constructed. There is an area

beside Lost Creek where wheelchairs may be parked for fishing—or you may visit the beaver pond. The trail passes right beside the sculpture work of a busy beaver so that the blind too may enjoy the art work of Mr. Beaver. The trail is laid out entirely on one level (except for the slight decline to the fishing area) so that wheelchairs may easily navigate the entire trail.

Future plans include a picnic area, additional trail and Braille signs. Many ideas evolve from those who use the trails - we welcome yours; especially if you are handicapped, or have knowledge of handicapped needs.

The Discovery trail is reached by driving north on Lolo Pass road 4 miles from ZigZag, turn right on S-25 McNeil and Riley Campground turnoffs. At sign to Burnt Lake, turn right, continue to S239 f and turn right to Discovery Trail.

McGriff takes win
in NASCAR feature

Bridal Veil late model stock car racer Hershel McGriff took the win in the NASCAR Western Grand National feature at Portland Speedway Sunday.

McGriff took the event despite a protest by Dick Bown. Bown and Jack McCoy, who has won the Western Grand feature for the past three years, made pit stops during a yellow flag. Bown claimed that in pre-race instructions an official said the lap would count if a driver made a pit stop during a yellow flag.

The homicide rate for men and women in the U. S. has doubled in the last 15 years, insurance figures show. It is now six times higher than in Western Europe; over 10 times higher than in Scandinavia.

If that had been the case, McCoy would have won his fourth Western Grand championship in as many years. McGriff also won fast lap time with a 22.180 over the half mile oval. The main event covered 100 laps.

STOCKHOLDERS GROW
The number of share owners in the U.S., which stood at 32.5 million in mid-1972, is projected by the experts to reach 40 million by 1975 and 50 million by 1980. The number of shares traded daily now approached 11 million.

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BLUE MARLIN girls who won trophies at the Awards Picnic at Wildwood Thursday, June 28, were, back row, Nancy Marsh, best swimmer 11-12 years; Marcia Gyntner, best swimmer 15-17; Virginia Hewgley, best swimmer 13-14; front row,

Gayle Roth, most improved first year girl; Erica Neuenfeldt, best swimmer eight and under; and Claudia Richards, best swimmer 9-10. Not pictured was Katie Neuenfeldt, most improved girl. (Post Photo)



BECKY AND JIM Anstine show off cake, made by parents club member Mrs. Carolyn Duff, which they shared with Blue Marlin and parents at awards picnic. The Anstines left for Thailand where they will teach, Saturday. They received an attache case from the swimmers, and a money tree from the parents. (Post Photo)

First all-comers meet
slated at MHCC track

The first in the summer series of all-comers track and field meets will be held at Mt. Hood Community College Friday and Saturday.

High school age and over participants can compete in the Friday meet, which will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Athletes 8 to 14 years of age may compete in the Saturday meet, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

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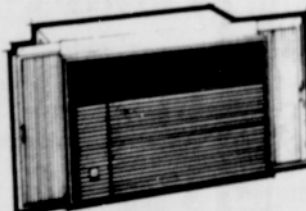
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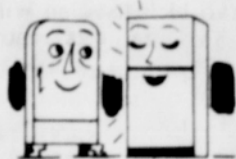
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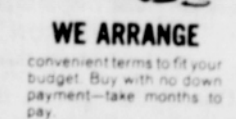
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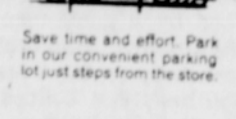
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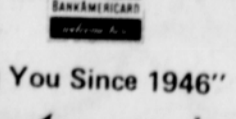
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