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Delayed Opening For Fish Season?

There have been rumors that the fishing season opening would be postponed a month. The Game Commission has made no announcement, but Charles Stanton, of the Roseburg News-Review, who is a close observer of fish affairs, believes such a postponement is in prospect for the coastal streams of Western Oregon. Also he reports division of the state into many units for the "hunter's choice" deer season is being planned. Stanton explains the reason for delay of the fishing opening:

Extensive experiments have been conducted on the Alsea River. It is from these experiments that the recommendation for late opening of the trout season results.

For the past few years there has been an eight-inch limit on trout in the coastal region. Most of the down-stream migrants are under eight inches. A great many of the migrants remain in the rivers until after the middle of May.

It was believed by the Game Commission that there was only minor losses of fish hooked by anglers and returned to the streams and that by limiting the legal catch to eight-inch fish the great bulk of the ocean-bound trout and salmon would be saved.

Tests made on the Alsea, however, have proven otherwise. Nets spread below fishing areas to trap migrants have revealed heavy casualties. The dead fish taken in the nets showed that they had been hooked and released. Over weekends, when fishing pressure was high, the findings of dead fish soared upward alarmingly. With lighter pressure during the week, the number of dead fish dropped off. These findings have caused the Game Commission biologists to believe that the use of bait and spinning tackle during the early days of the season and in waters where downstream migrant fish remain is causing heavy losses.

Inasmuch as hatchery releases start in February and continue until late April, a delayed season, it is contended, would permit the trout released from hatcheries to gain in size and condition, thus improving the quality of trout available to the angler.

Biologists think the delayed opening is most desirable for conservation of fish. The plan, however, possibly will not be as appealing to the guy who begins to itch for a trout stream when spring brings its first warm, sunny days.

As for the "hunter's choice" for deer, the complaint on the present plan is that the scheme hasn't worked too well: too many female deer killed in some districts, too few in others. So, writes Stanton:

The Game Commission proposes to divide the state into 45 units. It will determine the number of deer that should be harvested in each unit, either to reduce population to match available feed or to reduce agricultural damage.

Licenses to hunt then will be issued by units, with residents of those units getting first choice. There would be no change in the regular buck season. But the hunter who failed to fill his tag during regular season would be eligible to draw for the special either-sex hunt.

This system, it is believed, will eliminate

some of the abuses now reported, will provide better control over the harvest and will permit more efficient management of deer populations.

And Governor Holmes hopes the Legislature will give the governor authority to extend a deer season whose opening was postponed on account of fire hazard.

In this fish and game business nothing seems to stay settled very long; but the governing Game Commission gets more adequate and more reliable information now from trained biologists, so it can adjust its regulations better to fit conditions.

Sherm Adams' Talk

While President Eisenhower was delivering a tempered speech at a Republican party rally in Chicago on Jan. 20th, Sherman Adams, his assistant, was pouring scorn on the Democrats at a similar rally in Minneapolis. This has nettled the Democrats who accuse the administration of talking out of both sides of its mouth, trying to work both sides of the street. That, of course, is an old custom in politics: different appeals to different groups.

Adams went back to Pearl Harbor to set up his case against the Democrats, to counter their criticism of Republican delinquencies in organizing our present defense. He trundled in loss of our atomic secrets as a "catastrophe" and referred to wasteful defense planning between the second world war and "the following war they couldn't end."

If we dredge up the past, we can easily find shortcomings and failures among most all those who have carried responsibilities in government in recent years. And we may be sure that our defense shortcomings will be debated zestfully in the 1958 congressional campaign. But Mr. Adams seems to be out of character as one to lead the assault on the Democrats. His chief has had aspirations to be the "President of the whole people." Adams, as his closest assistant, damages the prestige of his chief in indulging in political rock-throwing. If that has to be done, it should be done by party hacks with little else to say. As a matter of fact the exchange of abuse in political campaigns has minor effect. Only when popular emotions are stirred is that type of campaigning effective.

Peaceful Rocket

The annual membership campaign of the Salem YMCA which starts today is styled a "rocket trip to the moon." This, we know, is a peacetime "use of rocketry." It assures all who take it of a ride to the varied services offered at the Y.

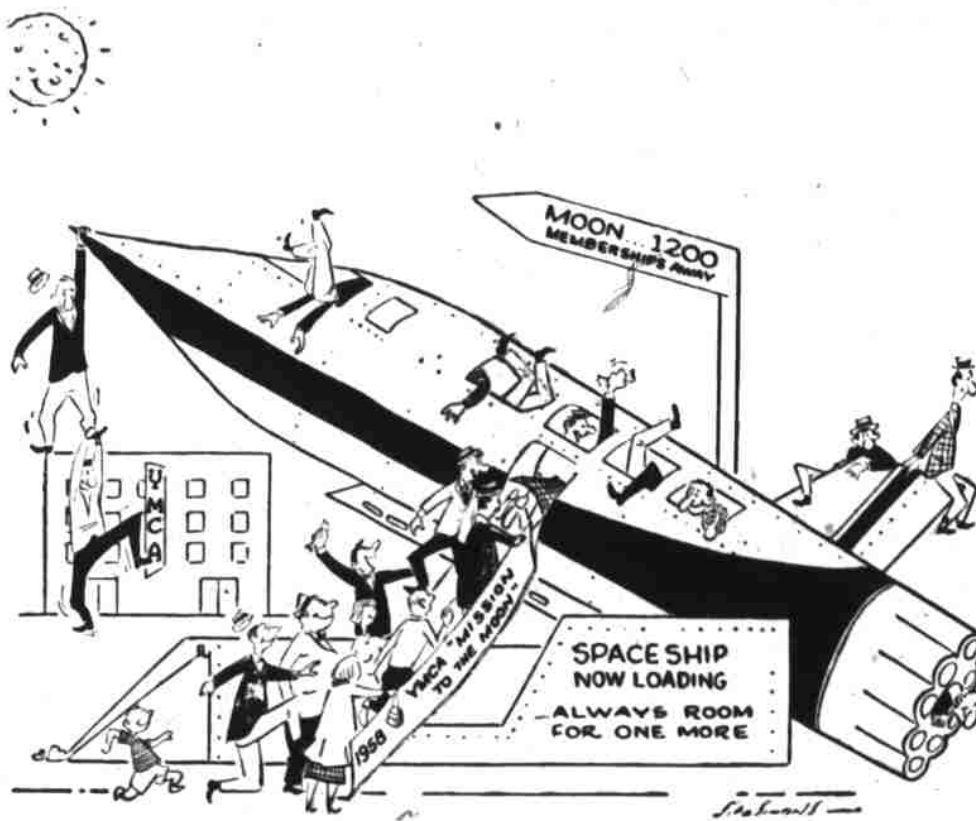
For years the Ys facilities were cramped. With the completion of the new wing a little over a year ago, and more recently with the finishing of a new gymnasium the Y is now splendidly equipped for physical training, club meetings and social features. Its new instruction pool for swimming takes away some of the pressures for access to the big pool.

Memberships are solicited not only for what the Y has to offer to members, but also for what members can do to help the YMCA discharge its duty in this community. So we commend this "rocket ride" to the moon and back, in very good company, and assured safety.

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Syria and Egypt are moving toward a federation as a United Arab state. In such a merger the liabilities seem more conspicuous than the assets.

YM Points Toward Better Community



Comes the Dawn

The Civil Defense people have rigged the most diabolical plan to confuse an enemy since the invention of enlisted men. The phone number of the state CD headquarters in New York (the Empire State) is OREGON 9-4466. And, sure enough, the number of the Oregon state CD is EMPIRE 3-9141. And to top it all off the number of the CD headquarters on Guam, way out there in the Pacific, is ATLANTIC 981. Not only would a hostile alien flip his receiver trying to call an American civil defense agency, but he probably wouldn't even get his dime back...



Anyway, Salem's two hospitals are on friendly terms. The big and well-attended Mardis Gras dance the other night was flung for the benefit of Salem General Hospital. But when one of the guests at the dance, Al Bauer, manager of KBZY, accidentally fell and banged his head where did they send him? To Salem Memorial. This is known as giving your friends the business—in a nice way...

Comes to the desk a clipping from a Portland newspaper concerning Sen. Richard Neuberger. The story says the senator voiced his support of the Port of Portland's position for retention of the Navy-owned drydock at Swan Island by sending a telegram to "Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas." Well, something is amiss topside or the port is too strong because Charles S. Thomas resigned as Navy secretary last year. Present Secretary of the Navy is Thomas Gates. Not only that but the retired secretary probably reefed his yardarm a little if he did get such a telegram because he is now chairman of the Republican National Finance Committee, which is having troubled waters of its own...

And speaking of papers the Tri-City Herald, Pasco, Wash., daily ran a mighty strange picture on its sports page the other day. It showed our own Al Lightner hanging from a ceiling by his hands and knees. Al finds himself in some pretty tricky positions during his whistle-blowing tours, but nothing like this. Turned out the pic was run upside down. It was really a shot of Al down on all fours during the recent Idaho-WSC basketball game at Pullman. What referee Al and the players were looking for was a contact lens lost by Idaho's Jim Brannon. The eye-piece was not found until after the game. Brannon had to put on glasses for the rest of the game, but he didn't score anymore. They said he could see the basket, alright—but he couldn't find the gym...

A wet and battered Holy Bible has turned up in the newsroom. Found in the street. It was written on the fly-leaf: "From F. P. Rowby to Charles E. Smith, Amity, Ore., April 28, 1956."

Death Takes A. J. Perkins

Amos J. (Nick) Perkins, 57, long-time resident of Salem, died Sunday at a Portland hospital after a two-week illness. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Born Jan. 22, 1901, at Ogden, Utah, he had been a beer salesman in Salem for a number of years and at time of his death was employed by the Rainier Co. He lived at 2300 Trike St. SE.

Perkins served overseas in World War I and also was in the service during World War II.

He was a member of the Oregon City Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Survivors include a son, Don Perkins, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Ray Perkins, Astoria; Mrs. Edith Payette, Salem; and Mrs. Addie White, Richmond, Va.; brothers, Bert, Willard and Dutch Perkins, all of Salem, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Howell-Edwards Chapel, with the Rev. Joe Harding officiating. Interment will follow at City View Cemetery.

State Income Tax Collections Down

Personal income tax collections in the five months ended Nov. 30 totaled \$36,604,974, or \$194,077 less than in the similar period a year earlier, the Oregon Tax Commission reported Monday.

The corporation income tax receipts of \$7,166,475 were also down slightly.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Don't make the same mistake twice, Mrs. Figby!... The next time he threatens to run away, don't pass up such a golden opportunity!..."

Safety Valve

Contributions to the Safety Valve must be signed by the contributor, giving also his address. This is necessary to insure authenticity and responsibility. Contributions should be limited to 300 words.

Street Extension

To the Editor: What the three-man committee on the Planning Commission Jan. 14th did not tell you in their unfavorable report on extension of Berry Street and favorable report freewaying 12th and 13th Streets is that:

(1) All three, I am told, now live, or will soon, outside of the city limits on the east side of 12th Street, and could it be that might have helped influence them to want to freeway 12th Street in and 13th Street out?

(2) At least 75 per cent of the drivers using 12th Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. live on the west side of 12th Street, and would have to cross 12th Street to get onto 13th Street, and would require two stops, either stop lights or signs at each intersection.

(3) And traffic will be congested on Mission between 12th and 13th and S. P. tracks, while trains and switchmen are at work. All westbound traffic on 12th Street would have to back-track across 12th and Mission. The rest to be dumped back again on 12th Street at Mill to head on the State Street jam at the same hours.

(4) Congestion at 12th Street and Mission is only two hours each day. The rest of the day there is nothing. With the extension of Berry Street, this 75 per cent west of 12th Street, if they choose, would not have to enter 12th Street at Mission, north; it would eliminate all left turns.

(5) Nor did they tell you the city can have four 30-foot lots along Bush's Pasture on the east side from Hines Street to Lee Street as a part of Berry Street extension, given by Yew Park Addition for that purpose over 60 years ago. No taxes have been paid on them since.

(6) Nor is it our aim or purpose to create an arterial street but only to relieve the non-existing 12th Street arterial.

I have lived in South 12th Street 25 years as have many others and know the traffic conditions. We do not believe they made a true study of Hines and Berry Street extension or they would have confirmed it.

K. CLOYD,
985 So. 12th St.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I laid there until my father waked me up."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "habitat"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Corroborate, corroborate, corroborate, corroborate.
4. To unfold the meaning of; to explain. "The speaker's words did not fully explicate his point."
5. Tortuous.

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I LAY there until my father WOKE me (omit 'up')."
2. Pronounce hab-i-tat, accent first syllable. 3. Corroborate.
4. To unfold the meaning of; to explain. "The speaker's words did not fully explicate his point."
5. Tortuous.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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their own "peculiar" problem. Hawaii is multi-racial, eschews segregation. Its population is a mixture of European, American, Asian, Polynesian and native Hawaiian. Any representative or senator from Hawaii perforce would vote in favor of measures designed to end discrimination on grounds of race or color. This tilting of the balance might even wipe out the South's ability to fend off reform of the rules to end the filibuster, its handy tool to defeat civil rights legislation.

Variances in Hawaii also have been pointed to in opposition to statehood. Once the chance that a Japanese from Hawaii might be elected to the U. S. Congress was viewed with horror. The loyalty of the Japanese-Americans in Hawaii and especially those in the U. S. armed services has pretty well deflated this opposition. Another score was raised over the alleged presence of Communists in the Hawaiian labor movement. This, however, is not sufficient ground for denying statehood to the islands.

I think that no one who has visited both territories would say that on the basis of apparent ability to manage its own affairs and finance the costs of state government Alaska is better prepared than Hawaii—rather the opposite. Both have been reaching out for statehood, both should have it without longer delay.

Alaska has adopted a constitution carefully drawn to meet its situation, and has elected senators and a representative to take seats in Congress as soon as a statehood bill is passed. Hawaii can do the same on short notice.

The Denver Post recently published a series on Hawaii written by one of its staffers who toured the islands. In an editorial review of the series the Post concludes: "The case for statehood is so strong that it is difficult to believe Hawaiian colonialism will be permitted to endure much longer." Not much longer, unless continental prejudices are strong enough to govern the decision.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1948
Sale of the old Thayer home at 255 N. Capitol Street was directed by the State Board of Control in order to make way for the proposed new state office building in that block.

Cooperating with the Salem city park board, five of Salem's garden clubs were given the green light to handle gardening improvements at Bush's Pasture.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1923
Phases and cons on a score of phases of the ubiquitous liquor question occupied the attention of the house committee on alcoholic control at the capitol. Discussion came in a public hearing in the house chambers which were packed, lines of standing listeners filling each aisle.

An epidemic of measles has hit the north central section of Salem, centering around Highland and Grant schools. Dr. Douglas announced. In a single room at Highland, 13 pupils were taken ill.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 28, 1918
By the overwhelming score of 54 to 5, Salem High School basketball team defeated Albany High School. Mark Latham, Salem's center, carried off high honors. He dropped the ball in the basket 15 times.

Dr. B. L. Steeves was elected president of Salem Bank of Commerce, and other important changes were made in the officers of that institution. Sidney B. Elliott was elevated to the vice presidency from position of cashier.

Pontchartrain Bridge is 24 miles long and speeds traffic between New Orleans and points north. This extraordinary causeway cost 46 million dollars to build.

Statesman Ballot Box

At the present time, Oregon forbids members of its board of control (governor, secretary of state, state treasurer) from having more than two successive terms or more than eight years out of twelve. Some folks say this sometimes deprives the state of a good official and causes unnecessary upset. Others favor such a forced turnover. This week's question:

Do you favor lifting 2-term limit for control board?
Yes _____; No _____

Comments _____

(This ballot need not be signed, but any other communication accompanying it and designed for publication, must be signed, carry the full address of the signer, and be less than 250 words in length. Ballots should be received by Friday, Jan. 31, to insure counting. Results will be made known Tuesday, Feb. 4.

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2-Hour Transcontinental Airliner Flights Forecast

By DON SCARBOROUGH

Staff Writer, The Statesman

The age when jet airliners will land in Portland one hour before they took off in New York was described Monday by Samuel J. Sherer, assistant to the president of United Airlines.

Crystal gazing into the future of jet travel, Sherer told the Salem Chamber of Commerce at its noon meeting that by about 1975 supersonic liners will be skipping coast-to-coast in two hours.

United, he said, will enter the jet age next year flying the first batch of 51 jets now on order. By 1965 the company will have converted completely to jet craft, "including those serving Salem," the UAL official said.

"We need to put on our most optimistic hat when planning jet

airports," he told the Chamber members.

Sherer complimented Salem and the Chamber for supporting UAL's petition to retain its service in Salem. The brief UAL presented at the Civil Aeronautics Board hearings recently in Seattle "was the best I've seen," he said.

The CAB examiner, he reminded the group, has recommended that UAL remain in Salem and that West Coast Airlines also be allowed to operate here.

One of the big problems of the age of domestic jet travel, he said, is finances. Pointing out that air line travel is actually cheaper now than in 1938, Sherer said an increase in ticket costs is needed to help finance the purchase of the expensive jets.

A temporary CAB-approved 6 per cent increase went into effect Monday, he said, and he hopes the rate will eventually be raised to 12 to 15 per cent, and perhaps 20 per cent.

Check Charge Made Against Salem Resident

City police arrested James Preston Way, a 27-year-old resident of 2269 Claude St. SE, on a bad check charge Monday night.

Way was arrested on a West Salem Justice Court warrant. The charge concerns a \$10 check passed at Emory's Food Liner store in West Salem recently, officers said. Bail was set at \$500, police added.

PUC Approves Rail Fare Jump

Increases in lower berth fares on the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads were approved Monday by Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan.

The fare jump affects only travel inside the state, but the Pullman Company reportedly has also applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for similar increases.

Young Sailors Say They're A.W.O.L.

Two young sailors turned themselves in to city police Monday night and admitted being absent without leave from a Navy ship in San Diego since Jan. 16, officers said.

Held for Naval authorities were Dale O. Cagle, 18, of Texas and his companion Harold Dean Sheldon, 19, of Wyoming.

They said they were A.W.O.L. from the U.S.S. Shields.

Stifling of Russ Rural Command Posts Declared Exciting Event

By JOSEPH ALSOP

BONN, Germany, Jan. 27 — Nikita Khrushchev's brisk announcement of the suppression of the "machine tractor stations" that control the whole vast Russian countryside is even more exciting news than the dramatic fall of Marshall Zhukov.

Machine tractor stations were not sound like institutions highly charged with human emotions. Many months have also passed to cool this correspondent's recollections of the Soviet Union. But the news is still so stirring that a comment is irresistible.

It is stirring because the machine tractor stations were the rural command posts of the omnipotent Soviet party-government. It is stirring because the abolition of the machine tractor stations and the sale of their machinery to the collective farms will almost unavoidably give Soviet peasant life a wholly new kind of internal autonomy and local freedom.

Of course, there may be the biggest kind of hooker in this news. It may conceal a decision to adopt the much-discussed policy of transforming the collective farms themselves into "state farms." The collectives, as their name implies, are at least collectively owned and collectively managed by their members, of course with much state-guidance. But the state farms are like huge Roman slave estates, state owned, state managed and worked by laborers having no personal stake in the land.

Khrushchev has lately been expanding the state farms at the expense of the collectives. Yet both the terms and circumstances of his announcement appear to indicate a bold change of course. He specifically mentioned the collective farms as the prospective beneficiaries of the disappearance

of the machine tractor stations.

At the same time, "Pravda" published a grim warning to party "conservatives" who were erroneously clinging to "antiquated institutions"—just the sort of people, in short, who would prefer state farm expansion or any other expedient whatever to the desperate expedient of giving more freedom to the wretched peasantry.

If these indications do not deceive, Soviet agriculture has started on another extraordinary whirl on false strange merry-go-round. The odds are 5 to 1 in favor of the history of the very institutions now being abolished.

The machine tractor stations were economic necessities in the early, terrible period of Soviet agricultural collectivization and mechanization. At that time machines and machinists were desperately short. So the tractor stations were set up as pools of mechanical equipment and mechanically competent personnel, each farm serving several surrounding collective farms.

Long since, the machine tractor stations lost this purely economic function, because of the Soviet success in producing farm machinery and training molyhdaudreds of thousands of young people to use farm machinery. Long since, Soviet agriculture entered a stage of contradictions described in the same way to this reporter by all the very able foreign agricultural experts in Moscow last winter.

On the one hand, these experts agreed that abolition of the machine tractor stations and transfer of the machines to the collectives would be the quickest, cheapest, surest way to obtain a large, immediate increase of Soviet farm production. Plenty of machines and plenty of men to run and care for them were now available. If the collectives were allowed to own and run their own machines, the results would surely be greater pride of work, greater incentives to get the best

from the land, and consequently much greater farming efficiency.

On the other hand, the foreign experts also agree that abolition of the machine tractor stations, while economically so desirable, was politically absolutely impossible.

The tractor stations were the government's eyes in the countryside. They were the government's hands holding the collectives in a tight grip, through their control of the machines the collectives needed to till their fields. Abolish these command posts, said the experts, and the Kremlin would suddenly be confronted with collectives farms almost like true agricultural cooperatives of the Western type.

Judging by the fragmentary evidence that is as yet available, Nikita Khrushchev has now accepted the economic reasoning of the foreign experts, while defying their political reasoning. Reasons for this bold gamble are not far to seek. Continuing the policy of extending the state farms demanded great additional outlays of capital.

Then too, the weather in the virgin lands last summer failed to follow the party line (borrowing the wonderful phrase of a party official interviewed in the virgin lands by this reporter). There were drought conditions and dust bowl conditions in large areas of Kazakhstan. Seemingly, this partial failure of Khrushchev's first great agricultural gamble in turn demanded a further, even bigger gamble.

Maybe, as stated above, the gamble conceals a hooker that will make the Soviet peasants' lot even worse than before. One must wait and see. But if there is no hooker, then this is the biggest demonstration to date of the degree to which the supposedly all-powerful masters of the Kremlin are mere servants of the great industrial-economic revolution which they have achieved in the Soviet Union.

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