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NEW YORK TIMES ON "CVA"
Almost rapturous is the attitude of The New York Times on the proposal to set up for the Pacific Northwest a "Columbia Valley Authority" on the pattern of the Tennessee Valley Authority—but it displays the usual ignorance of the East on problems of the West. We incline to agree with The Salem Statesman which says:

"Someone has sold The New York Times a bill of goods."
From the beginning the Bonneville Administration has had an elaborate and costly propaganda organization, and that is one reason why it has not clicked in the Northwest. It has devoted a vast amount of effort to promoting public ownership, willy nilly, blandly ignoring certain vital facts, such as:

1. Lumber mills and power plants which have grown up hand in hand of pioneer resourcefulness (unit costs often very low).
2. Community tax structures for which no adequate replacement has been provided under PUD laws to date.
3. Strong feeling for local self-government which is violated by such declarations as Dr. Raver's famous: "I will sign no contracts public or private unless Uncle Sam is in the driver's seat."

Somebody has sold The New York Times the erroneous notion that "the Pacific Northwest is booming. . . for one reason, because of Columbia river electric power." That simply is NOT the fact. Cheap and plentiful electric power is indeed an incentive to industrial development, but in most industries power cost is only a 6 to 10 per cent factor in production. The city of Eugene, with 30 years of practical public ownership, has long offered rates lower than any Bonneville has yet been able to offer, but not until certain other economic conditions were right—raw materials, transportation, labor, and DEMAND—did this area begin to see intensive industrial development.

The New York Times has been persuaded to argue:

"An example of what can be done is presented in the TVA, which HAS SUCH BROAD POWERS that it can carry out a flood control program, aid navigation, distribute power to factories and households, develop parks for recreation, conserve soil, reclaim land, AND ENGAGE IN ABOUT ANY OTHER ACTIVITY, that does not properly belong to private enterprise."

An integration of the various federal agencies which now ASSIST in these varied activities in the Northwest might be welcomed, but the type of tight, bureaucratic control of the political and economic destiny of this region which was proposed in the Bone bill is NOT WANTED.

The Northwest would welcome federal government as an associate but not as its "boss." Running all through this "Bonneville controversy" has been the question:

"Where does federal authority begin and end?"

We say it is proper for federal government to build the major power dams, the super-transmission lines, to conduct research into new fields for power use.

We say that when federal government has brought its power to any community in Oregon and sold it at wholesale rates, it is none of the federal government's business whether that community chooses to turn to public ownership or employ a private company as distributor, or to dictate what our re-sale rates shall be. Those things each Oregon community is perfectly capable of deciding in its own way.

Certainly it is not the business of Bonneville administration to meddle constantly in local politics, as Bonneville has been doing persistently in flagrant violation of the Hatch act, nor to inflict its program on localities, without their consent, as it has sought repeatedly to do.

The Times reaches some interesting conclusions:

"This (the CVA plan) does not mean that states and local communities must relinquish all their rights, but it does mean THEY WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP CLAIMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION. . . ."

That's a new and interesting version of Dr. Raver's demand to keep "Uncle Sam in the driver's seat" (through puppet boards and control of re-sale rates).

Further, says The Times:
"The Bonneville administration has the necessary leaders but they are hampered because they must take orders from Washington and at the same time yield to local ambition. . . ."

Quite so! And it would seem to indicate the bureaucracy has some defects. But here comes "the buildup" for a new CVA bill:

"This is the time to reorganize the administration now charged with making the most of Columbia river power. If Congress waits till the war is over, and workers in shipyards and industries migrate, years may elapse before the Pacific Northwest can march forward with certainty of reaching its goal."

If there is any logic except politics for this "urgency" we fail to get it. The resources are here; the power is here; the form of administering that power will have little to do with its actual use—if the other economic factors are right — and the Pacific North-

west has done a lot of marching without federal direction.

We are not expressing any mere "provincial resentment." With us, local self-government is still fundamental (and we hope it still is in New York.) We do not oppose public ownership. We had it long before Bonneville was thought of—and honestly built. We are not unwilling to WORK WITH federal government. That need is obvious. We do insist that the relationship must be one of mutual respect and trust.

Maybe New York should be brought under some kind of Hudson River Valley Authority, administered by Mr. Ickes and his satraps. We do not pretend to know. That's New York's business. In these parts, even the word "Authority" is repugnant, because of what it connotes—an overlordship.

It's a funny little world. What the Japanese took to be "the coprosperity sphere" is beginning to look very much like a green persimmon.

If you think the mosquitoes are pestering you, you can get some consolation out of what they're doing to Berlin.

The girl with the nicest figure these days has it in War Bonds.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JAMES STEVENS

The Splinter Cat Family . . .

Away back in 1910 Forester William T. Cox sat down and wrote himself a book. It is the earliest example of tall timber tales, on the order of the Blue Ox and Paul J. Bunyan, that I know of. *Fearsome Creatures of the Lumber Woods*, the Cox book, is about timber beasts.

For some reason, among all the Cox critters the hogad and the splinter cat have become best known. The latter is a particular pet. "A widely distributed and frightfully destructive animal," the splinter cat (*Felx arboridifissus*) is described by Forester Cox. It is found in that part of the country in which wild bees and raccoons abound. These are its natural food, and the animal puts in every dark and stormy night shattering trees in search of coons or honey. . . . It climbs one tree, and from the uppermost branches bounds down and across toward the tree it wishes to destroy. Striking squarely with its hard face, the splinter cat passes right on, leaving the tree broken and shattered as though struck by lightning or snapped off by the wind.

Obviously this is a prime timber beast for scout masters to know about. At every turn of the trail on a hike there are blasted trees, and any one might be the victim of a splinter cat charge.

Cephalovertens Sempreamulatus
That's the botanical name for the Cox "whintoser," a rare timber beast with three sets of legs, each set angled in a different direction. The whintoser can be killed only by driving it into a hollow log—where it will start to walk off in three directions at once, and so, naturally, tear itself apart.

The "agropelter" (*Anthrocephalus craniofractens*) is a lean, lank beast with murder in its heart, and a powerful throwing arm. He roosts high in hollow snags and pitches limbs at folk who pass below.

The "whirling whimpus" (*hurbineocissus nebuloides*) is a ground animal of the woods with huge forefeet like hands and hind legs like tops. On its hind feet the whimpus can whirl so fast it becomes invisible and may be located only by its whirr. So whirling, it sucks in everything up to man size that enters its orbit, and whips him instantly into meringue which the whimpus scoops and gobbles with both monster forefeet. Ugh!

The "hodag" (*Nasoballus hystrikeratus*) has a spade-ax nose which sticks aloft so that the critter can only see straight up. He is so powerful he can spade up pretty big trees with his peculiar snoot, prowling for porcupines.

The "wapaloosie," the "shagawaw," the hair-raising "slide rock bolter," the Funeral Mountain terrashot," the "snoligoster," the "gumberoo," and many other strange and wonderful timber beasts were told about in this book of 35 years ago. It is appropriately dedicated to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

The Sidehill Gouger . . .

For some reason, among the most ancient and honorable of all Western mythical animals was passed up by Forester Cox in his really wonderful work on unnatural history. The sidehill gouger, according to my researches, was first described simply as a "mountain varmint" by the great scout Jim Bridger, over a hundred years ago.

The gouger's basic characteristic is two long legs on one side and two short ones on the other. Take that one simple "fact" for a starter, and you can keep going for at least an hour—if you have anything of the gift of the tall tale teller's tongue. Unnaturalist Cox also misused the lantern-eyed snipe. Wonder why. Certainly he knew about this critter. Who hasn't gone snipe hunting?

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

CAN'T FIND UNFRIENDLY ONES

"People in the city are cold and unfriendly." If I've been told this once, I've been told 50 times. And by people whose word I'd thought I could rely on. Naturally, I built up all sorts of hopes. For I've always had a hankering to meet 'cold and unfriendly' people. Just as I've always wanted to meet head-hunters, Tibetan monks, Llamas and lyre birds. What I mean is, I like to see the strange and curious.

But if head-hunters, Tibetan monks, llamas and lyre birds are as hard to find as "cold and unfriendly" people, then it looks like I'll go to my grave with my curiosity unsatisfied. So I say, friends, your very own friends you've learned to trust, have no business building up false hopes in a body. It isn't fair, I tell you, and may lead to the breakdown of my belief in the whole universe. If I should find there are no cold and unfriendly folk, then I'll begin to doubt there are things like head-hunters, Tibetan monks, llamas and lyre birds. You know how one doubt leads to another.

Of course I never expected to find these unfriendly people down home. We don't have the proper climate. I think they go into a decline once they move into our area. But the city should provide proper growing conditions. Yet it appears it hasn't.

And it seems to me that as many times as I've got lost in the city and been stranded in big buildings and out of the way corners, it does seem, as I say, that sometimes, somewhere, I'd run into a few specimens of these unfriendly ones. But so far I haven't. On one of my last spells, I walked up to a door and said I'd sure like to find myself. The woman actually invited me in; said a cup of tea would help. That woman surely disappointed me.

Of course I expected the Swedish Consul to be friendly; Swedes are all that way and can't help themselves. But being a consul and all, he should know more than he does; or so it appeared to me. Yet when I asked him to put me on the trail of this, to me, lost tribe, he said he'd had no luck himself, though he'd been hunting for years.

Yet I'm still looking. So if you know of some special trap or bait which you've found will lure one of these unfriendly specimens out into the open, let me know by return mail.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

INFORMAL "AT HOME" TO HONOR CASWELLS

Honoring Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Caswell and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Caswell, all of whom are visiting here this week, a group of friends are giving an informal "at home" Thursday evening from eight-thirty until ten-thirty o'clock, Gerlinger building, Alumni hall.

Mrs. Edith Siefert is hostess for the evening, arranging details for the gathering. The Caswells formerly lived here and are east for the duration.

All friends of the Caswells are invited to call and greet them.

Assisting Mrs. Siefert will be Mrs. Karl W. Onthank, Mrs. J. O. Holt, Mrs. Calvin Crumbaker, Mrs. Charles G. Howard, Mrs. A. H. Kunz, Mrs. A. R. Wilcox, Mrs. Ruth Addison, Mrs. F. M. Carter, and assisting in serving will be Mrs. Alan Chaffee, Mrs. F. L. Curry, Mrs. H. W. Blom, Mrs. Mortimer Heinrich.

EIGHT AND FORTY PARTY HELD FRIDAY

The Eight and Forty society, service organization within the American Legion auxiliary, met for a social evening Friday at the home of Mrs. Claude A. Potter, twelve attending. A guest was Mrs. Ralph D. Randolph, newcomer here and a former member of the Eight and Forty society at Bremerton, Wash.

RETURN FROM SOUTH

Mrs. V. L. Brooks, Mrs. J. R. Bruckart, and Miss Virginia Bruckart have returned from a trip to California.

Mrs. Bruckart visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott, at Pleasanton, Calif., and Mrs. Brooks and Miss Bruckart visited Mrs. Brooks' son, Robert B. Brooks, at San Diego, also with relatives in Balboa Island, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Robert B. Brooks, SOM3c, is attending the material school of the west coast sound school at San Diego.

SERVICE MOTHERS

Service Mothers club of the Baptist church, meeting Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock, in the church parlor, will be led in devotions by Rev. George E. Hardy of Cottage Grove. Mrs. Hardy will sing two solos, as part of the program, of which Mrs. Florence Scott is in charge.

LEAVE FOR PORTLAND

Mrs. Ronald Patnode accompanied her son, Robert Ernest Patnode, SM3c, and his wife (the former Eda Rae Beyer) to Portland Monday from where he will take an army plane back to the east coast to resume his sea duties. Mr. Patnode has been spending a short leave here with his wife, parents, and other relatives. The Patnode-Beyer marriage took place July 8.

Mrs. Talbert Preuit of Camas, Wash., who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown, and sisters, Mrs. Patnode and Mrs. LeRoy Nice of Springfield, also accompanied the Patnodes, on her return home.

FOR MISS DUNN

Mrs. Joseph Cullender entertained a group of friends Friday evening in honor of Miss Derfla Dunn, formerly of Eugene and now employed by Lockheed in Los Angeles. Miss Dunn was here on vacation visiting her mother, Mrs. Roy L. Dunn. Miss Dunn came by plane by way of Salt Lake City and Seattle, accompanied by her brother, David, who had to return by train, Friday, to his duties, with the marine corps.

Brazilian Navy Ship Sunk by Submarine

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 25. — (AP)—The Brazilian navy ministry announced today that the navy auxiliary vessel "vital de Oliveira" had been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine.

The announcement gave no details as to time or place, but said most of the crew was rescued and brought to this port.



DAUGHTER—Gay Fairchild, stage and screen actress and daughter of the silent picture star, Marguerite Johns, enjoys a swim at the Lido club pool in Los Angeles.

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PICNIC GATHERING FETES NEW NEIGHBORS

A neighborhood get-together was held at the Roy Overgard home near Santa Clara, Sunday, honoring several new families who have recently bought homes nearby. Neighbors gathered in the picturesque little park adjoining the Overgard home to enjoy a picnic dinner and an afternoon of getting acquainted.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves, Phyllis and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Banton, Maxine, Calvin, Wayne, Melvin and Marlene; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marlow; Maxine Goodwin; Euleta Small; Tommy Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pedersen and Janet; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Martin, Normalee and Lomar; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Strubing; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hinz and Marilyn; Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hood; Mrs. Minnie Ellis; Mrs. Lena Snellstrom; Eugene Snellstrom; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Overgard and Gail; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knudsen and Jeffrey; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Overgard.

SEWING CLUB SETS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Navy Mothers sewing club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Howard F. Fenner, 1091 Eleventh Avenue west, no special hour being set for the gathering.

Regular meeting of the Navy Mothers club will be Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, in the bamboo room at the Eugene hotel. All mothers of men or women in the navy, marine corps or coast-guard are welcome to attend.

WOMEN OF MOOSE

Mrs. Jennie Farley and Mrs. S. B. Strawn won honors at bridge, Monday afternoon, at the card party given by the Women of the Moose. Mrs. H. C. Cook and Mrs. W. I. Lane were honored for their scores at pinocle.

Monetary Conference Holds Last Sessions

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., July 25. — (AP)—The United Nations monetary conference, after three weeks of hard work, came to an end Saturday night with the signing of documents for an international monetary fund and a world bank for reconstruction and development.

These two projects which a conference resolution termed "important for peace and prosperity" subsequently will be put before the legislative bodies of 44 united and associated nations for approval.

They are expected to come before the American congress some time early next year.

The successful conclusion of the conference's labors was reached late yesterday with an agreement for an \$8,800,000,000 reconstruction bank whose purpose will be to make loans and guarantee those of private investors in postwar reconstruction and development projects.

The monetary fund, which also totals \$8,800,000,000, is designed to promote international trade by providing foreign exchange, or currency, to those nations who may be short of it because they are unable to sell as much abroad as they import.

Of the total bank capital, the United States will subscribe \$3,175,000,000, the United Kingdom \$1,300,000,000, the Soviet Union \$900,000,000, China \$600,000,000, and France \$450,000,000, with the remainder apportioned among 39 other nations in varying amounts.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Sudrow

COTTAGE GROVE.—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Sudrow, 49, of Cottage Grove died Monday at a hospital in Eugene. She was a native Oregonian, born at Gardiner, May 16, 1895, as Elizabeth Harding. She was married to Carl A. Sudrow, August 22, 1942. She was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist church at Roseburg.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, Mrs. L. M. Harding of Corvallis; two brothers, Merton Harding of the U. S. navy; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Whittington of Portland and Mrs. Doris Freeman of Jefferson.

Private funeral services will be held at the Veatch-Hollingsworth mortuary, Wednesday at 2 p.m.

When war broke out in Europe in September, 1939, there were fewer than 200,000 men in the U. S. army and fewer than 100,000 in the navy.

There is a Telegraph Hill in Minchener, England, and another in San Francisco.

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High Production Kills Kaiser Hen

OREGON CITY, July 25. — (AP)—This hen worked herself to death. For months a hen owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Maxwell, Oregon City, laid a normal sized egg a day. Then it started laying super, "B-29" style eggs—9½ inches around lengthwise and eight inches across.

After seven days of such production, possibly egged on by the fact her owners worked swing-shift in a Kaiser shipyard, the hen died.

The cost of 312 feature length motion pictures and some 500 short subjects produced by major Hollywood motion picture companies in 1943 was about \$247,000,000.

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Oregonians Killed In Action Revealed

WASHINGTON, July 25. — (AP)—Oregon men killed in action during the war are: Burns, Howard T., Private, U. S. marine corps. Dead. Father, Rick H. Burns, Wana. Cooper, Harold W., U. S. marine corps. Dead. St. Lebanon. Fennimore, James B., first class, U. S. marine corps. Dead. Father, Mr. Samuel Nimore, Mount Angel.

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