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REDUCE TO ESSENTIAL FACTS
Flood control is no longer to be viewed as a mere "aid" to the Willamette valley but as an imperative for its conservation and safety, and it is encouraging to note that despite the violent arguments as to the McKenzie (at Tuesday night's conference with the U. S. Army Engineers), there is general agreement that the program of dams and supplementary works **MUST PROCEED**.

As to the McKenzie, the first essential is to clear the air of misunderstandings, misstatements, and emotional thinking, on both sides. Dayton Thompson hits the keynote when he says that by getting together and discussing the problem sensibly a solution "mutually satisfactory" can be reached. The core of the controversy is:

Can flood control be achieved on the McKenzie without spoiling its exceptional recreation values—its scenic assets, its fish and wild life?

If the McKenzie can be controlled without erecting any dams on the main stream, all of us who love its beauty will say "Amen."

But, if it cannot be controlled without a flood reservoir on the main stream, then the question will be:

How can this McKenzie dam be built to do least damage to existing values and to improve the fishing and wild life resources of the area?

Guesswork and wishes will not answer this question. The contention is being made that the McKenzie (and perhaps other streams) could be controlled "by deepening the channels and erecting revetments and levees along the banks." This assertion is **TOTALLY UNSUPPORTED** by any valid engineering or any authenticated facts. On the contrary, we have in this area plenty of visible evidence that revetments and bank control devices—without dams to hold back the main force of flood—are soon washed out. And we have the performance of the Cottage Grove and Fern Ridge dams to prove that the U. S. Army Engineers really do "know their stuff."

In the nearly 20 years that we have worked with the U. S. Army Engineers we have always found them not only willing but eager to modify their plans to meet every local need. They will consult the best authorities in the land to determine what needs to be done to make flood control helpful and not hurtful to fish life. If "fish ways" are needed at the dams they will be built. As Col. Zimmerman pointed out the other night, this is **OUR PROBLEM**, not theirs really. They are just "the doctors," and we who suffer these floods are "the patients." They can recommend what we ought to do to be cured of floods. They cannot make us take the cure. They listen to our troubles, our desires, our suggestions. We owe them courtesy and common sense.

It has been suggested to Col. Zimmerman that it would "clear the air" to have a factual digest and summary of all that has been done or recommended to be done in this flood control program, to date; to prepare some definitions as to just what we mean when we talk about "high dams," or "low dams," or "flood control dams," or "multiple purpose dams," or "power dams." Let's get rid of the misunderstandings, the misstatements, the emotional thinking which stands in the way of finding the sensible answers.

Let there be no misunderstanding as to where The Register-Guard stands:

If the McKenzie can be controlled without dams, fine!

If the McKenzie cannot be controlled without dams, then we shall be **FOR DAMS**. Everything humanly possible must be done to preserve scenic and recreational values on all these streams.

But, if we must sacrifice some of these values for the safety and preservation of the

valley, then we shall advocate the sacrifices, while there is yet time.

As to the McKenzie area, there is a menace as great or greater than any flood control works which might be built. We refer to the increasing pollution of that stream which is deadly to fish life, the still insufficient protection against deforestation and industrial waste, the still uncontrolled and unregulated construction of shacks and roadside "joints" which could transform that area into a shantytown of "Coney Island" pattern. And as to that great problem—how to get more fish in the McKenzie, dams or no dams—we hear such a mass of conflicting theory (and curbsome oratory) that we incline to applaud Paul Needham, biologist of the game commission, who told us:

"I'm not ready to say how to get more trout in the McKenzie. That's what I'm here to find out. In the meantime, I'd suggest a campaign of education, beginning in the schools, to keep poachers and fish killers out of the little tributaries where fish spawn."

The McKenzie needs a lot of special study, not only as to flood control but as to its entire future, if it is to retain anything of its native beauty and grandeur from "the ravages of progress." That is why we urge a "clearing of the air," and end of futile arguments, a facing of essential facts, and issues, and a sensible sitting down to find the right answers.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

A GREAT RAILROAD BOOK

Jim Marshall was the first war hero (he'll gas at the term) from the Northwest. In December, 1937, the Japanese bombed the gunboat Panay on the Yangtze River. Marshall, Collier's China correspondent, was seriously wounded in the attack. His home had been in Washington State since 1910. Always a newspaper and magazine man who seemed to have no trouble at all in putting mighty, mighty pretty words on stems of solid observation and straight thinking, he has surpassed himself with the best railroad book I ever did read.

The title of this prime job is "Santa Fe—The Railroad that Built an Empire." You won't need to be a railroad fan to get a lot out of it. The reader of Western stories can whoop out vicariously with cowboys through the pages and shoot bad men, both red and bleached. Here, too, is Western history—a good deal of it fresh to me, an old history hand. And, throughout, the drama of the struggles of giants. The pioneer railroad builders of the West were powerful individuals. Up here we recall how Harriman and Hill fought like Paul Bunyan and Hells Helson. Down yonder where live the folks who can stomach endless days of sickening sunshine, it was the same story. Jim Marshall gives you the inside dope and a ringside seat. His book is worth your money even if you make it setting chokers.

A Big G Genius
Myth has it that the system by which the Federal government fostered early Western railroad building, donating every other section along the route to the builders, was a terrible racket. Big Government was robbed by Big Business, says the myth.

Marshall states, "The land was worth nothing until the Santa Fe Railroad reached it. It had been there for years and nobody wanted it. What value it had in '73 and the next few years depended on the fact that the road provided reasonably cheap and fast transportation, not only for crops, but for food and supplies to keep the settlers going. The government, in fact, made a profit from the deal almost from the start. It took no chances, but the railroad did. The government still held half the land along the track and, once the railroad started operating, the price of this property went up sharply. Furthermore, the land started paying taxes. In addition, the railroad had to haul government freight, soldiers and officials for half rates, and mail at reduced charges.

"Over the years it was a one-sided bargain and there should be a statue somewhere to the genius who invented it for the government. It was a money-maker for the national treasury from the beginning."

But read the book to get all of the case, along with history every Westerner should know, and some exciting stories.

After the Civil War, there were the Lake States forests and there were the treeless prairie states. Pioneer lumbermen risked their own and other people's money to produce lumber for the groves of postwar homesteaders. Nineteen went broke for every one who managed to keep going in the woods. The construction contractors also took a big risk in the building up of prairie towns and farms.

The government took no risk whatever, but raked in more taxes with every new lumbering operation and each new building. The Big G men encouraged settlers to follow the lumbermen and to burn Lake States forest lands over, year after year. They were doing the same thing in the Pacific Northwest as late as the depression years. And out of every forest industry Federal tax dollar less than a tenth of a cent is turned back by Big Government into defense against forest fires and other tree-growing measures.

It's a sad story, mates, in railroading, lumbering, or any other business field. Everywhere the kind of government control that Woodrow Wilson called "the process of death" is going full blast.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

NEW OFFICERS RULE AT CHAPTER MEETING
Blue River chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held its first stated meeting with new officers Wednesday evening.

Mrs. C. B. Swango, junior past matron, and Dan W. Stewart, junior past patron of the chapter, were honored.

Sylvan West, worthy grand patron of Oregon was present for the meeting and also Mrs. Harry Bartow, grand representative of the grand jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

Mrs. C. B. Swango and Mrs. Dan W. Stewart presided at the coffee table.

Committee for the evening: were: Decorations, Mrs. Mott Saunders; refreshments, Mrs. D. A. Wynn, Mrs. W. F. Van Ness, Mrs. Kathryn Williams, Mrs. E. L. Woodhouse; Miss Adeline Volstead; Mrs. George Getting, and Mrs. E. C. Volstead.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS IN MEETING

Daughters of Union Veterans met Wednesday at the assembly for a business session, with twenty-five members and one visitor present. It was reported that twenty-five sick calls had been made, and the relief committee reported on a request from a local rest home for pads.

Members voted to bring material and sew on the pads at the next meeting of the sewing club. Mrs. Cecil I. Small will be club hostess.

PI LAMBDA THETA MEETS

First meeting of the winter term for Pi Lambda Theta women's national education honorary, was held by the University of Oregon chapter last week.

Appointed to fill out vacancies were the following officers: Shirley Anderson, keeper of records; Margaret Murphy, recording secretary; Carolyn Brockway, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. L. Lomax, chairman of initiation; and Dr. Leona Tyler, reader for Journals, national magazine of the organization.

WILLAGHILLSPIE P-TA

The executive board of Willaghillspie P-TA met recently at the home of Mrs. Clyde Mitchell. Thirteen were present. Mrs. Clem Howell will have charge of Founder's day plans, and will choose her helpers. After the business meeting a social time was had. Mrs. Clyde Mitchell served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Burkhart and Mrs. Mathiesen. The next meeting will be with Mrs. O. C. Burkhart at her home February 11 at eight o'clock.

P-TA Meeting

The P-TA met at the schoolhouse. Mrs. Mollie reported on the Boy Scouts who are going to Eugene as soon as a leader can be found. They will again be sponsored by the P-TA. Mrs. Burkhart gave a talk on plays. Mrs. Folgerstrom's room won the attendance award.

The program included: Welcome song, by Marlene Childers; a play, "Little Red Riding Hood," primary room; play, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," and three songs by primary room.

"The Owl and the Pussy Cat" was played in three scenes with Patty Magnuson as the cat and Billy Admire as the owl. Phyllis Pierson as narrator; play, "Dora and Cate" and "Spinning Mice"; song, "Bicycle Built for Two," acted by Dana Sue Barham and Donald Hamrick; Wooden-shoe dance by Betty Myers, Joyce Hamrick, Nell Faye King and Donna Brewer; vocal duets, "When It's Springtime in the Rockies," and "Whispering Hope" by Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Folgerstrom accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Cournoyer. Refreshments were served by the intermediate room with Mrs. Scott, room mother, in charge.

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Recipe

Crabmeat Souffle

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup milk
1 small can crabmeat
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
2 teaspoons lemon juice
2 egg yolks
2 egg whites

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan and blend in flour. Add milk gradually and stir until smooth. Separate crabmeat into flakes and remove tendons and add to first mixture with salt, paprika, and lemon juice. Beat egg yolks until light and add. Cool. Fold in the beaten egg whites and turn into baking dish. Bake at 400 degrees 20 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves four.

FAREWELL DINNER GIVEN FOR COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wayne Dillingham were honored guests at a recent dinner party given at the home of Mrs. Dillingham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith of Springfield.

The couple left early this week for San Pedro, Calif., where Mr. Dillingham, a chief radioman in the navy, reported back for duty. Mrs. Dillingham plans to return to Eugene in March. Next year, when the chief has completed six years of navy duty, they plan to make their home here. He is a graduate of Springfield high school, and she, of the University of Oregon.

Those present at the party were the chief's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. William Kite, Dale Dillingham, Miss Jeanette Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mersdorf and daughter, Corrin.

PAN-HELLENIC GROUP MAKES PLANS FOR TEA

Representatives of sororities on the university campus, as well as Mrs. J. Alan Wickham, acting dean of women, attended a meeting of the city Pan-Hellenic group recently at the dean's apartment in Gerlinger hall.

Plans were made and committees appointed for the spring Pan-Hellenic tea for high school girls. A constitution and by-laws were presented and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

It was announced that Mrs. Floyd Westerfield will represent the group at the Northwest meeting of Pan-Hellenic associations, to be held February 8 and 9 at Pullman, Washington. Mrs. Fred Konoct, president, and Mrs. Frank B. Reed, treasurer, also will attend.

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A Moscow broadcast quoted an official Tass news agency dispatch as reporting the Big Three acceptance of Soviet proposals for a solution of the Korean problem.

The United States has withdrawn its original plan for Korea in favor of the Russian proposals, the dispatch said.

"American proposals suggested that a trusteeship should be set up in Korea for five years, with a possibility of a five-year extension envisaged," the broadcast

said. "Thus the trusteeship might have been extended for more than five years, but it was excluded under the Russian plan at the suggestion of the government, it added."

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BRIDAL SHOWER
UPPER CAMP CREEK — The Friendly Circle sewing club of Upper Camp creek is having a bridal shower Jan. 31 at the community building for Mrs. Clara Bella Gibson (formerly Miss Clara Bella Stephens) daughter of Clara Stephens.

The club will meet with Mrs. Gene Fisher Feb. 14 instead of Jan. 31 as formerly announced. Miss Dorothy Imbach who has been taking a nursing course and has been in Washington is home visiting relatives and friends on a vacation. She completed her course while there and after having a rest she will go to work at the Sacred Heart hospital.

Mrs. Clara Stephens and daughter Eva motored last week end to Aberdeen, Wash., where they visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bunny Gibson.

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