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An Old Fisherman's Lament

For many an Oregonian, there is a piece in the August issue of Harpers that will bring moisture to the eyes. It is called "Western Half Acre" (for no good reason we can find, but reason never had anything to do with magazine headlining), and it is by Thomas Hornsby Ferril, evidently a Colorado man, and an old-time fisherman. He begins:

> "From what I read in the papers, trout fishing in the West is getting better and better. Colorado seems to be the angler's paradise, with fishing a most impressive item in what we modestly refer to as our $90,000,000 tourist industry. But personally I find fishing pretty terrible. Maybe I ought to turn myself over to a displaced persons bureau to find if I have any business considering myself a fisherman at all. I am actually happier up in the attic fishing for imaginary trout than for what is left of the real ones on most of the trout water I grew up with."

It is the same old story—"too many people, good roads, motor cars, airplanes, and too easy access to what little wild country there is left. Mr. Feril gives his home state, Colorado, credit for having one of the most competent systems of fish propagation and replanting in the union, but the state and the fish cannot meet the demand:

> "Last summer I sampled public water on ten rivers: the Rio Grande, the Gunnison, the Roaring Fork, the Colorado, the Williams Fork, the Blue, the Fraser, and both forks of the Platte. Ten rivers, and I'd hate to tell you how few I caught. Most of the time my empty basket bounced around like a clapper in a cow bell."

You notice he refers to "public water." Apparently in Colorado, many reaches of the most desirable streams have been fenced off and closed to the public, and fishing becomes more and more the rich man's sport. The stocking of public waters is defeated by the public itself which pursues the state's elegant glassed-in "fish tumbrils" and hauls 'em out almost as fast as they can be put in.

"Dishrags" is his name for the scraggly 10-inch trout which have never had a chance to become trout. "Dishrags" and "zombies." It's tough for a man who can recall going through Crystal River canyon as a boy in 1910 and "catching fifty native trout while resting the horses for an hour."

> "The tumbril is followed by a gay funeral procession of bumper-to-bumper, red-blooded sportsmen . . . the planting is all random and uniform — it's the merest coincidence if the heaviest plantings are within a stone's throw of crowded beer joints whose illegal slot machines have never been discovered by the state authorities.
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> "The frightened fish scurry for shelter and the dry-fly fishermen now take over in the grand tradition, perfect costume, hip boots, automatic reels, aluminum tubed rods and wondrous belts holding more gadgets than a telephone lineman packs. . . In no time most of the planted fish are in the basket trundling back down the same road they just came up, while the doomed remainder seek food and shelter in a stream they don't understand. . ."

Our Colorado friend in his blue mood "covets the fabulous waters of elsewhere":

> "I try to believe what they tell me about the marvellous fishing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, or up in Montana on the Stillwater, Boulder, or Madison. What would it be like to tie into one of those whopping Pend O'reille rainbows in Oregon (that's Washington-Idaho, pal!)? Or a ten-pound steelhead in the McKenzie river (you mean Rogue)."

Shall we tell him the truth about Oregon fishing, friends? He seems to be a "right guy," even if he is from Denver. At least Oregon's Travel Information Department has put an end to advertising Oregon fishing till the Oregon Game Commission can give a few coherent answers.

What's to be done about it all? For twenty years we have listened to the arguments of the "experts" and know less than before we began. Shorter seasons? Protracted closing of overfished waters? Stricter policing? Education beginning with tiny tots in the schools?

Of course, as our Colorado friend philosophizes, fishing is also a spiritual and devotional exercise, quite apart from the catching of any fish. Millions who now enjoy the fishing never knew anything better. There is a growing cult of those who go merely to "set" and think, and as Old Rosybeak often says:

> "Some damphool always brings a rod when we go fishing."

The fishing problem is part and parcel of the great overall problem of resource conservation on a continent where population growth outraces social intelligence and even science. Returning veterans tell us of marvellous fishing in parts of Germany and Scotland, despite nearness to vast populations, but we suspect that those streams were preserved not for the many but for the privileged few.

Here in the Great West we have unparalelled opportunities to preserve at least some patches of the primitive, but— We begin to understand Mr. Feril's title, "Western Half Acre." The good roads, the motor car, the airplane have shrunk even this vast domain.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

U S Military Policy Uncertain

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—(NEA)—A foreign policy for a major world power is no good unless it has military force to back it up.

While the President and the War and Navy Departments presented very definite blueprints of what they considered necessary for this program, only a start has been made toward carrying it out in Congress. Unification of the armed services will be finally approved. A science development and research bill will be passed. That is about as far as it goes.

The request for universal military training was turned down. Budget requests for $9.2 billion appropriations were trimmed a billion by the House, though raised about half that amount by the Senate.

General Eisenhower testified that the American Army of one million men would be no match for Russia's five million. He does not rule out the possibility of war in 1948, though he does not consider it probable.

Chief reliance is still placed in "the bomb," the Atomic Energy Commission having been given a full $500 million appropriation.

On mobilization of resources to support military operations, the Congress has also made only a faltering start.

Said Bernard Baruch at the graduation exercises for the first class at the Armed Forces Industrial College: "It is not enough to mobilize the nation's military strength. There must be mobilization of her full economic resources—agricultural, industrial, financial. We must not again make the mistake of not being properly organized in case another war is thrust upon us." Then he outlined a 16-point program that should be placed on the statute books, ready to function.

It included universal military service with a work-or-fight clause; taking unfair profits out of war; prevention of inflation through price and wage regulation; intelligence and information services enlarged far beyond present proportions; retention of war plants and building of new ones in underground locations; stockpiling of critical materials.

Beginnings on Stockpiling Made

On only the last item has a start been made. A hundred million dollars was appropriated by Congress in 1946. Nothing in 1947. To finish the job will take $2.5 billion, and six years.

What has not registered is that the United States is now a have-not nation. Its oil and iron are running out. It never did have enough chrome, manganese, tungsten, tin, pepper for curing meat, quinine and other drugs. Its surpluses of foods and fibers are gone. Its agricultural production has amazed the world, but it is exhausting the soil. The luck of 10 years of good weather may not hold. One crop failure might set back the whole world's food supply.

Says the new Secretary of War, Kenneth C. Royall: "Seventy-three per cent of U. S. imports are necessities. If 10 per cent fail to get through, it would tie up the economy."

In the light of talk such as this, the great hope for peace which everyone welcomed so enthusiastically when the United Nations charter was adopted at San Francisco two years ago, now seems dim.

No Strong Support for UN

Only in the next to the last week of the session of Congress just ended did the Senate get around to a resolution introduced by Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan, to the effect that the United Nations should be strengthened as an instrument to prevent war and maintain peace. It came too late for much to be done about it.

The United Nations made a hopeful start in solving the problem of Iran. But it has bogged down or been by-passed in solving the problems of the Balkans and the rest of Europe.

Creation of a world police force has been debated for a year with no conclusion. World control of the atomic bomb has been debated for a year with no conclusion.

"War preparations must be governed by a desire for peace and security," said Baruch. "We know our country has no will for war," he said. "It has the will for peace. Thus preparedness takes on the symbol of peace."

Meanwhile, atomic scientists warn repeatedly that there is no defense against the atomic bomb, and that if war breaks out and atomic bombs are used, they will surely destroy civilization.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Bend Girl Weds Eugene Man

Miss Leora Vida Andrew wore a gown of tradition white satin for her wedding Thursday, July 31, at First Christian Church of Bend, when she became the bride of Vernon Swenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swenson of Eugene. The couple exchanged vows by candlelight, in a setting of pink and white gladiolus and sweetpeas. The Rev. Len B. Fishback read the double-ring ceremony at seven o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Vida Andrew of Tumalo.

Mrs. George Herrmann was soloist for the wedding. She sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Len B. Fishback, who also played the wedding marches and incidental music.

The Misses Jean and Dorothy Ann Hanneman, dressed in pink formals lighted the tapers.

The bride's gown, made with full train, was fashioned with long sleeves, fitted bodice and trimmed with a yoke-shaped lace inset and bouffant skirt. The fingertip veil of illusion was fastened with orange blossoms to a heart-shaped tiara, edged with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink roses, tied with white satin ribbon.

Mrs. S. O. Gill was matron of honor, and Miss Edna Andrew was a bridesmaid. Both are sisters of the bride.

After the ceremony, a reception was held for seventy-five guests at the home of the bride's mother. Mrs. George Herrmann took charge of the serving. Miss Jean Hanneman presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Phil Buckingham poured coffee. Miss Dorothy Ann Hanneman and Miss Virginia Hansen assisted with the serving. Miss Muriel Hanneman had charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson left after the ceremony for a wedding trip to Yellowstone National Park. They will make their home in Eugene.

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LUNCHEON HONORS FORMER EUGENEANS

Mrs. J. B. Nasholm gave a luncheon Wednesday honoring Mrs. Art Campbell and daughter, Barbara and Mrs. Martha Meyer, al lof Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The luncheon was held outside.

Guests present were Mrs. D. S. Phillips, Mrs. Edith Mullens, Mrs. Jack Minkler, Mrs. Joe Trinka, Mrs. Ida Patton, Mrs. Henry Davis, Miss Ruth Shearer, Mrs. J. B. Van Winkle, Mrs. Clarence Grimes, Mrs. R. S. Hilliard, Mrs. Will Grimes, Mrs. C. H. Hyer, Mrs. Anna Smith and Mrs. Eric Erickson.

The afternoon was spent visiting. Mrs. Campbell and Miss Campbell are former Eugeneans.

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Mrs. Ione E. Brooks recently received word of the birth of a grandson, Robert Lawrence Brooke, to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Brooke, Portland, at Emmanuel Hospital August 2.

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Commander and Mrs. William R. Curry, Jr. arrived Wednesday from Panama for a visit at the W. R. Curry home. They will be here a short time.

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Neet family reunion will be held August 17 at Skinner's Butte Park.

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DAUGHTER VISITS PARENTS HOME

Mrs. Robert Hall (Elvy Tjader) and daughter Viki, from Chico, Calif., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tjader. They will leave the first of the week.

Car cleaning—One day service. Electric Cleaners, 1210 Willamette.

Prize Raincoat

NEW YORK-(NEA)-The sporty raincoat above of ungloomy yellow cotton duck-cloth won an award for home-sewer Lucina Calenda, 23-year-old New Yorker.

What caught the judges' fancy was the small expenditure of money and large amount of good styling that went into this unlined swagger.

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Recipe

Barbecued Spareribs

3 pounds spareribs
½ cup water
¾ cup vinegar
½ cup butter or margarine
½ cup chili sauce
3 tablespoons horseradish
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne

Wipe spareribs and cut into serving pieces. Cook in a skillet over hot coals, turning often and basting to a crisp brown with sauce made by heating together the remaining ingredients. Use sauce left from basting for gravy and serve separately.

Fay's Caramel Corn Kitchen No. 2 at the Paramount will be opened for business Saturday serving popcorn, caramel corn, candy, pop, ice cream, and hot peanuts.

Springfield Girl Weds at Hermiston

In a ceremony at eight-thirty o'clock Sunday, at Hermiston Methodist Church, Miss Harriet Jane Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson of Springfield, became the bride of John Edwin Wiley, son of Mrs. Louise Wiley of Oregon City. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles E. Funk.

Miss Kathryn Swan of Littleton, Colo., was maid of honor. Donald Wiley served as best man for his brother. Miss Lucy Hollaman played the wedding music and Mr. Follette sang "The Lord's Prayer" preceding the service.

The bride wore a mellon-colored suit and black accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid. Miss Swann wore a black afternoon dress and a corsage of baby orchids.

A wedding breakfast followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watson in Hermiston. The couple left afterward for a wedding trip to Wallowa Lake and the Inland Empire of eastern Washington. They are now at home in the Chase Apartments, Oregon City.

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FAMILY REUNION AT VENETA

A family reunion of the Hubbs family was held at the Ralph Johnson home, July 27. The five living children of Frank and Ruby Hubbs are Mrs. Effie McCollum, of Wash. Mrs. Al Schue of Portland, Mrs. Clarence Harpole of Junction City, Mrs. Evie Holmes of Leburge and Mrs. Charles Eicher of Elmira.

This is the first time the sisters have all been together for forty years Also present at the reunion were: Mrs. Jack Spencer and little daughter Kaye; George Holmes and daughters, Elma and Phyllis; Raymond Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mulluns, Mrs. Norman Burns, Clarence Harpole and daughter Joan; Charles Eicher Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Burton Johnson.

Misses Irene McCollum, Norma Rankins, JoAnne Hale, Wanda, Audrey and Phyllis Johnson, Don and Duane Johnson, and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson. Several were unable to attend because of sickness.

Inland Empire Strike Holds

SPOKANE, Wash.—(U.P.)—Inland Empire lumber production remained at a virtual standstill Friday with more than 5500 CIO woodworkers on strike against 13 companies.

Union officials were awaiting an answer from Ohio Match Co. officials on a compromise wage proposal from the union. Picketing of Ohio's huge mill near Coeur d'Alene, Ida., was held off Thursday while officials studied the offer, but pickets were thrown around the plant Thursday night when the company failed to make a prompt reply.

Cecil Johnson, local business agent of the union in Coeur d'Alene, said there would "probably" be a meeting with Ohio officials again Friday.

The offer reportedly was to raise minimum pay scales five cents to $1.30 hourly. The union had been asking a $1.32½ minimum on par with coastal lumber workers.

No meetings were in progress with Diamond Match Co. or Potlatch Forests, Inc., other major inland empire producers, according to O. D. Armstrong, district union president.

Albany Zirconium Plant Future Bright

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Mines said Thursday it would not abandon construction of a Zirconium pilot plant at Albany, Ore., after all.

A new policy of spreading out the bureau's slashed funds will enable completion of the plant.

"This is one of our pets—a promising venture—and we will do everything we can to push it along," said O. C. Ralston, chief of the bureau's metallurgical branch. "Our goal for the plant is the production of 100 pounds a day."

The Bureau of Mines, working with a 37 per cent cut in funds and a 30 per cent cut in personnel, had said last May it might drop the Albany project.

Looking for a parking lot? You car park your car at Fay's Caramel Corn Kitchen, 1250 Willamette by the month or day.

Nash Boosts Prices

DETROIT—(AP)—Price increases on Nash automobiles ranging from $95 to $168.40 have been announced by Nash - Kelvinator Corp. President George W. Mason.

The boosts, which went into effect at midnight Thursday, followed increases in recent days by General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Car Co., and Kaiser-Frazer Corp.

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GOD'S WORD
16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
I Corinthians 9:16.

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Hungarian Reds 'Control' Criticised

PARIS— (U.P.) —Stephan Thuransky, American citizen rescued from the Hungarian political police, charged Friday that 90 per cent of the Hungarians oppose their Communist-dominated government.

Thuransky talked to reporters as he paused here en route to the United States. Hungarian police arrested him in Budapest for making anti-Communist statements, but he was taken by American authorities and, with Russian permission, flown out of the country.

He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

"We spent a year in Hungary, and I was supposed to sell farm machinery. But I never sold a single pieces," Thuransky said.

"I fought the Communists in Hungary in 1919 before going to the United States, and I never kept my opinions to myself. Hungarians would come to me all the time and tell me what they thought of the Communists."

Thuransky, a naturalized American citizen, formerly lived on a farm near Columbus, O. He charged that the Hungarian police, while they had him in custody, beat him with a rubber hose and dropped a sand bag on his chest.

Tule Lake Farmland Offers Opened by Reclamation Staff

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — Thirty-seven hundred acres of Tule Lake bottom lands, sufficient to provide 46 farms, will be opened to World War II veterans for homestead entry during the latter half of 1947, it was announced Friday.

Applications for homesteads will be received by the Bureau of Reclamation at Sacramento, Cal., or Klamath Falls. Official notice of the opening will be made on Oct. 1 and applications will close 90 days thereafter.

World War II veterans will have preference until the end of the 90-day period, but anyone may apply.

Several veterans from Lane County and vicinity won rich farm lands in the Tule Lake area during the last part of 1946 when the Bureau of Reclamation opened a section of land.

A drawing was held in Klamath Falls to determine winners of the tracts, with those whose names were drawn first having first choice of the tracts.

Winners from the Eugene area were Paul Christy and George McCracken, Eugene; Robert E. Watson, Camp Creek; Robert Barrows Coburg; and Herbert Halstead, Monroe.

PEPCO Reorganization Nears Final Approval

PORTLAND — (AP) — The reorganization of the Portland Electric Power Co., pending eight years, apparently neared final stages Friday.

Estes Snedecor, handling the vote count for the federal court, said bonds of $8,185,500 were voted for the plan and $3,518,700 against. He added that prior preference and first preferred stockholders also approved the plan.

In the plan the Pepco Holding Co. would cease to exist and its only operating asset, Portland General Electric Co., would continue under an enlarged board of directors.

Snedecor's report next will go to Federal Judge James A. Fee for approval.

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