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Is There Oil in Oregon?

"Oil and Gas Exploration in Oregon" is the title of a 54-page paper just issued by the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

It is a paper that is likely to prove one of the department's "best sellers" because of the rapidly increasing interest in oil and gas exploration.

But the paper does not attempt to answer the question: "Is there oil in Oregon?" The paper largely deals with records of oil and gas prospecting in the state over a period of more than half a century, with data on some 200 wells recorded.

The location of each test drilling is shown on an index map.

Several of the holes were bored through Central Oregon formations. Deschutes county is one of the few in the state in which oil or gas has not yet been sought.

Two wells were drilled in Crook county, the state paper indicates. One of these was the "Berna No. 1," located in the Bear Creek region and once owned by Lona Gray. It was sunk to a depth of 1700 feet, with low-pressure gas reported. Using the same rig employed on the Lona Gray well, a Prineville man sunk a well to a depth of 679 feet.

Three wells were drilled in Jefferson county, and two of these reached a depth of more than 2600 feet.

Deepest hole ever drilled in Central Oregon was that of the Clarno Basin Oil Co., near Clarno. It was drilled to a depth of 4565 feet, and its operators reported "a good showing of oil and gas."

In Oregon east of the Cascades, the deepest hole was in Malheur county, where the El Paso Natural Oil and Gas Co. recently threw in the sponge, after going down to 7470 feet, at a cost of \$150,000.

Despite the fact that some 200 wells have been drilled in Oregon in the half century, the state department of geology lacks proof that oil was found in any of the wells.

Gas, however, has been tapped in many of the wells, but available records indicate only methane, or marsh gas.

In 1954, the state entered a new era of oil and gas exploration, and it appears that large companies, prepared to drill holes that cost from \$150,000 to a half million dollars, will make tests that were lacking in the earlier exploration.

Some of these tests will be made on Central Oregon's high desert, and in the old lands along the head of Crooked river.

In another decade, an answer may be available to the question that is being asked in every section of the state at present:

"Is there oil in Oregon?"

Don't Want to Own Homes

(Salem Capital-Journal)

The desire to own one's home is a human aspiration which is supposed to go back as far in history as the existence of homes. Yet the people of Richland, Wash., the atomic town where all the homes are owned by the government, have just voted 3280 to 1201 against a proposal to sell the homes to the occupants. They also voted against a proposal for self government.

This vote goes directly against two American traditions. Does it reflect a basic change in American attitude? To a degree we fear that it does. Financially the Richland resident is probably better off living in a tax free house paying a modest rent, and he may be better governed than if he governed himself. But Americans are supposed to prefer to make their own mistakes rather than be governed, much less owned, from above.

However there's a mitigating circumstance. If we ever abandon the atomic program, unlikely but possible, Richland will dry up and a house there will be worth virtually nothing. There is no other industry or excuse for a town. If a worker loses his job in the plant he will have to move. There must be a question about the permanence and stability of such a community. This could produce a different feeling about home ownership and self government than the same person would have elsewhere.

At least we hope this is the explanation. If Americans really prefer that the federal government own the houses and provide local government for them we are about to become a very different kind of a country.

Quotable Quotes

The outcome of war is decided by neither the size of the army nor by the supply of manpower alone. The most important factor is the spiritual factor, particularly the psychological factor. — Chiang Kai-shek.

The biggest mistake we can make is to underestimate Russia's capabilities. — Rep. Melvin Price (D.-Ill.)

Famine is so intense in Russia that it made the commissars cook up and serve their premiers to the people. — Clarence Manion, former Notre Dame law school dean.

The stability of the American economy depends on the prosperity and security of the American farmer. — Sen Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)

Plain speaking might be instrumental in preventing a reckless Communist miscalculation which could endanger the lives of many. — Secretary of State Dulles.

The New York subway is a fine place to practice self-denial. The average subway ride is enough to test anyone's Christianity. — Rev. Joseph H. Sheehan.

I am here to do what I can to lift modern poetry out of the slime and muck of obscenity. — British Lord Dunsany, upon arriving in the U.S.

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Edson in Washington

Greater Defense Effort Urged

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — An American plan for greater defense mobilization effort in Western Europe is now being urged on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

While this idea has not been presented to the Europeans in specific preparation for the day when U.S. military aid in NATO will be further cut down, the net effect is the same.

It has been pointed out to the NATO countries that if a new European war should break out, Atlantic shipping would be much more hazardous than it was in World War II.

It would therefore be extremely risky for the European defense forces to depend on the United States for supplies of new military equipment, spare parts for repairs and ammunition to the extent they have been relying on America in the past.

This action was taken at a meeting of NATO's "High National Production Authorities" in Paris at the end of January.

It received no notice at the time because the closed meeting came just when news from Formosa and the China coast was at peak interest.

Originally, Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, director of the U. S. Office of Defense Mobilization and sponsor of the new NATO defense mobilization plan, was to attend the Paris meeting. Because he is also a member of the U.S. National Security Council he could not leave Washington during the Formosa crisis.

ODM's Deputy Director Victor E. Cooley, board chairman of Southwestern Bell, St. Louis, went instead. He was accompanied by Thomas P. Pike, assistant secretary of Defense for Supply and Logistics, Chairman of the meeting was Lowell P. Weickler, ex-president of Squibb, who has been assistant secretary general of the international staff at NATO for the past two years.

Mr. Cooley, reporting on the Paris defense mobilization meeting, emphasizes that the NATO

countries have already done considerable basic work. NATO planning groups have been building up European supplies of petroleum, coal, steel, food and a dozen principal raw materials. This work was begun after Lord Ismay of the United Kingdom was made NATO secretary-general three years ago.

Most of the planning has been done for the needs of the 14 individual countries, however, and not for the coordinated requirements of European defense in case of war.

Cooley and Pike, presenting reports on the American defense mobilization program, stressed the importance of stockpiling, industrial dispersion, duplication of production facilities for critical items and civil defense planning. Steps to be taken in case American sources of supply should be cut off were also emphasized.

NATO production authorities are now understood to be consulting with their governments on further steps to be taken to meet the American proposals.

If this plan for a new, coordinated defense mobilization plan in Europe should be adopted by NATO, it would, in part, take the place of the arms pool production plan suggested by the former French Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

It would also supplement the arms control agency plan provided in the Paris agreements of last October for the resumption of arms production in Germany, its rearmament and its admission to NATO.

Just how much progress has been made in European defense planning is revealed for the first time in Lord Ismay's new report on "NATO—The First Five Years—1949-54." Copies of this document, largely written by Lord Ismay himself, have just been received in Washington.

Armed forces of the 14 NATO countries have risen from four to seven million men. Military budget figures have risen from \$18 billion to \$63 billion a year. Forty per cent of this last amount, or \$23 billion, now goes to defense production.

U.S. military aid to NATO has been over \$30 billion in the five years. Of this, \$15 billion has been for military end items. It includes \$2 billion worth of off-shore procurement, ordered and paid for by the U. S., but made and delivered abroad. Six billion dollars more of this "OSP" is on order. Individual defense budgets for 1953—latest figures made public are: U. K. \$5 billion, France \$4 billion, Canada \$2 billion, Italy \$769 million, Belgium \$400 million, Netherlands \$350 million, Turkey \$320 million, Norway \$149 million, Denmark \$129 million, Portugal \$69 million, Greece \$92 million, Luxembourg \$10 million. The total is roughly \$13 billion, or over 11 per cent of Europe's \$113 billion gross national product.

Perkins Given Stiff Sentence

Special to The Bulletin
REDMOND — George W. Perkins, Prineville, was fined \$150 in justice court for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was also given 30 days in jail, and will serve additional time for any portion of the fine not paid after the 30 days.

Guy H. Larson, Prineville, is serving 12 days in lieu of payment of \$29.50 fine for being drunk on a public highway.

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Sportsmen Hold Meeting, Make Plans for Busy Year

The Deschutes County Sportsmen's association, an organization with a membership of more than 500, will be headed in the coming year by George Mirich, with John Smith as vice-president and Francis Stokesberry as secretary.

All three are Bend residents. The new officers were named at the annual meeting of the group here Saturday afternoon with an estimated 200 present for the meeting, held at the Moose hall. A Dutch lunch was served.

'Notable Books' Listed at Library

A list of 35 "Notable Books" of 1954 is now available at the Deschutes county library, according to Librarian Eleanor F. Brown. The list, which includes four novels, was compiled by a special committee of the Public Libraries Division of the American Library association. Miss Grace W. Gilman, librarian of Lincoln Library in Springfield, Ill., is chairman.

"Tensions in world affairs and the inequalities of peoples is heavily reflected in the selections," according to Miss Brown. Several titles, she said, are a plea for tolerance in the midst of intolerance and a warning against the loss of individual freedoms.

The local library has most of the titles on the list. However, the books which are not available at the local library can be obtained through the state library.

Emphasis in the selections was placed on books which have literary quality and also social significance. The notable books were selected from a preliminary list of more than 100 titles suggested by representative libraries throughout the country.

Books Listed
Books on this list that are available in the Deschutes county library in Bend follow:

"The Dollmaker," Arnow; "The View From Pompey's Head," Baso; "Ambassador's Report," Bowles; "My Several Worlds," Buck; "But We Were Born Free," Davis; "Away All Boats," Dodson; "Fall of a Titan," Gouzenko; "The Roosevelt Family of Sagamore Hill," Hagedorn; "Seven Years in Tibet," Harrier; "Conquest of Everest," Hunt; "In the Cause of Peace," Lie; "Song of the Sky," Murchie; "The Journey," Smith; "Faith and Freedom," Ward; "Second Tree from the Corner," White.

Reserves for any of these titles can be made by calling the library, 232.

Letters

To the Editor:
We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the publicity you have given our various campaigns.

We hesitate to think how we would inform the public should we not have your medium.

Thank you again.
Very truly yours,
National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis
Deschutes County Chapter
Nina Niskanen, Chairman

Bend, Oregon
March 10, 1955

The Mexican volcano Paricutin is still active.

Bend's Yesterdays

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
From The Bulletin, Mar. 15, 1920
A new plan to secure water for irrigation in Central Oregon has been revealed in a petition just filed in Salem by the Tumalo district for the storage of 150,000 acre feet in Waldo lake on the Middle fork of the Willamette river.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company, through T. A. McCann, has been presented with a war department citation for making prompt deliveries and otherwise cooperating with the army's construction division.

George Michaelson, Fort Rock homesteader and merchant, has sold his residence, store building and stock of goods in Fort Rock to H. I. Rice of Seattle. Michaelson holds his faith in the Fort Rock community and has retained his homestead.

Up until noon today \$10,000 had been subscribed to finance the county fair, in event it is secured for Bend.

William P. Downing has announced plans to construct a \$35,000 building on Bond street, between the Carmody cigar store and the Myers building.

Three inches of snow fell in Bend last night, and at Allingham on the Metolius river, 15 inches fell. A heavy pack was reported from the Cascades, following a dry winter.

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