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LETTERS

Conservation of Resources

Within a week many residents of this area will receive a letter from the Oregon Wildlife Federation asking for your help in the work the organization is doing. Before you pigeonhole this request as just another cause, give a little thought to what the Federation has done for you in the past, is doing for you now, and is planning for the future.

Most of us are familiar with that part of conservation that has to do with sports afield. The reorganization of the Game Commission the increase in the number of enforcement officers; the prevention of future titheings on hunting and fishing license monies are just a few of the victories won by the Oregon Wildlife Federation at the 1949 session of the State legislature. The Federation's legislative expense for 1949 was in excess of \$6,000. It took a year of effort to raise even this small amount from the 400,000 odd licensed hunters and fishermen of the state. It is evident that only a very small per centage of this number supplied the funds which were used for the benefit of all.

Buying a hunting or fishing license does help in supporting the work of the Game Commission, but it does not help in the fight to get those things done that the sportsman wants and needs. It is surely not just that both the work and finance come from a small segment of our sportsmen.

But there is a great deal more in the conservation picture than hunting and fishing. These are just the dividends received for the effort and money spent on the main work. The master plan of the Oregon Wildlife Federation is the Conservation of All Natural Resources. Natural resources are the wealth of the country; those things that make it possible for you to feed, clothe and house yourself and family. Without these resources there would be no jobs, no food, no future.

The much talked of American Way of Life is nothing but an exceedingly high standard of living made possible by our vast supply of natural resources. But our resources are dwindling while our population is increasing. This can lead but to one end, unless every one of us assumes a share of the conservation burden, a lowered standard of living.

Remember this when you receive your letter from the Oregon Wildlife Federation. A little from many can accomplish a great deal more than a lot from a few. The Federation is fighting to guarantee your future. Surely you can do something to help.

John M. Hayes,
Finance Manager,
Oregon Wildlife Fed.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

We will again remind readers that we cannot publish anonymous letters. All letters to the editor intended for publication must be signed, although the signature will not be published if such is requested.

We will also re-state our policy that published letters reflect the views and opinions of the writer, which do not necessarily coincide with our own. Although scurrilous and obviously libelous letters cannot be published, it is not possible for our staff to check the alleged facts presented, and responsibility for any statements made rests solely with the writer.

If the writer of the excellent letter bearing on highway repair work and signed "a logger's wife" will call at the NEWS office and sign the letter, we will attempt to publish it next week.

New Forest Service Game Head For Northwest

William Huber is to be the new chief of wildlife management for the Pacific Northwest region of the U.S. forest service, according to H. J. Andrews, regional forester. Huber replaces Glenn Mitchell who retired from the forest service May 31, and is now working for the Washington state game department.

The new wildlife chief comes to the Pacific Northwest from the forest service regional office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with an extensive background in game and fish work. He majored in wildlife management at the New York state college of forestry where he was graduated in 1934. He was first employed by the forest service as a junior forester on the Desoto national forest in Mississippi. In 1936 he took a year's training in game management on the Pisgah national game preserve in North Carolina. This covered predatory animal trapping, forage reconnaissance, game census and management of big game hunts. Later he was assistant ranger on the Pisgah national forest and ranger of the Tellico ranger district of the Cherokee national forest in Tennessee. On this latter assignment Huber supervised the famous Russian boar hunts and bear and deer hunting on the Tellico wildlife management area.

Huber was transferred back to the Pisgah forest as ranger in 1944 where he had charge of the Pisgah game preserve and the Sherwood wildlife area. In 1948 he went to his present position as forester in the division of information and education of the regional office in Philadelphia. He is expected to assume his new position in Portland about August 1. "The Pacific Northwest region is fortunate to get a man with Huber's training and experience for this important job," Andrews stated. "Huber will work closely with the game departments of Oregon and Washington, and personnel on the nineteen national forests in this region."

"Proper balance of big game numbers with the gazing capacity of the forest ranges in our major wildlife problem. We have an increasing hunter demand, and in many places the ranges are on the decline from too much past use by both livestock and big game. If we get full production from our forest ranges for both livestock and big game, we must not destroy nor deplete the forage chop by too much use. Our big job is one of correlation of the grazing use with the needs of the forage as well as the needs of other resources such as timber, recreation, and water."

Ground Observer Post Equipment Being Issued

Headquarters, Western Air Defense Force, Hamilton Air Force Base, California, announced today that necessary material for the operation of Ground Observer Posts throughout the western states was being dispatched immediately to the supervisory personnel who have been appointed by State Civil Defense Directors. This material will enable the supervisors to establish the required Observation Posts and to train the individuals who will operate them.

Lt. Colonel Stanley E. Matthews, Director of Civil Air Defense at Headquarters, Western Air Defense Force, has requested that State appointed supervisors of Ground Observer Posts immediately provide the information requested by his office. This information is of utmost importance as it must be distributed to the many agencies which have a role in the active air defense of the western United States.

THE AMERICAN WAY



Jay Walking

Capital Parade

BY MURRAY WADE

REPORT ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Don't be smug or narrow-minded about mental illness. You may be its next victim.

Don't think it can't happen. It does happen to one out of ten Americans, which is the ratio of those needing psychiatric treatment.

There is one chance in 18 that you will spend some part of your life in a mental hospital.

Not very good odds in the above statements made in a report of the Oregon State Board of Health, issued this week.

The rapidly increasing number of industrial plants in Oregon's municipalities calls for laws to control air pollution and state funds with which to enforce laws.

Objectives adopted Tuesday by Governor McKay's recently appointed committee on this subject provide for study of such laws now in force in adjoining states for the purpose of recommending legislation from the standpoint of industrial development and the health and welfare of the citizens of the state.

JUSTICE BELT DIES

Associate Justice Harry H. Belt, of the Oregon supreme court, died in Bellingham, Wash., Sunday afternoon. He suffered a heart attack two weeks ago while visiting in Bellingham.

He was 66 and had been a member of the Oregon supreme court for 25 years. He was born in Salem and had resided here most of his life.

NEW PARKS DIRECTOR

Oregon's new park director, C. H. Armstrong, will be right at home in his new position. He has served as an engineer for the state parks division for the past two years.

He succeeds Samuel H. Boardman who asked to be retired after being employed by the state since 1919. He first was resident engineer of the Boardman district in eastern Oregon. Ten years later he became superintendent of state parks.

ANOTHER INDEPENDENT FILES

A. W. Lafferty, Portland, filed petitions early this week to place his name on the November ballot as an independent candidate for representative for the Third congressional district, Multnomah county. He was succeeded by C. N. McArthur.

DETROIT DAM CEREMONIES

Last Saturday, Governor Douglas McKay pulled a lever that dumped the first huge bucket of cement mix into the North Santiam canyon where the Detroit Dam is being built. Completion of the project is scheduled for 1953.

Included in its function are flood control, power production, maintaining navigation during normal low water stages of the Willamette river, create sources of water for municipalities, create recreational facilities and abate steam pollution.



New Type Combat Food Developed For Troops

American troops who become temporarily dependent upon the food they carry with them, soon will be supplied with a new type of emergency food packet. The Department of the Army announced today. Developed by the Quartermaster Corps since World War II, the new assault food packets are small in size, light in weight, and made up of highly nourishing components which the soldier may easily carry in his pockets or pack. Limited quantities of the new food packet, previously procured for field test purposes, already are being dispatched to troops overseas.

The new food packet is an addition to presently available combat rations which are delivered to troops separated from the kitchens of their commands. Packed in a lightweight cardboard box, the components of the new food packet have a food value of 900 calories—about three-fourths the caloric value of a normal meal. While it is intended as no more than a "snack" tests of the ration in the field indicate that all of the items are likely to be highly acceptable to troops under the stress of battle, and would serve well as an expedient until a better food supply is established.

The new packet contains one can of meat, one B-unit, and an accessory unit. It is packed in six menus, each of which has a different kind of meat unit to provide variety. The meat units, packed in tin cans weighing five and a half ounces each, are: Beef and corn, Beef and pork loaf, chopped ham and eggs, hamburgers, chicken, and cheese with bacon. The B-unit also packed in a tin can, consists of one oatmeal cookie and two round crackers.

The accessory unit, the items of which are packed in a plastic bag, includes one pack of humidity-resistant safety matches one packet of toilet paper; two sweet bar chocolates or a starch jelly bar; two candy-coated chewing gum tablets; two packets of soluble coffee products of five grams each; two packets of granulated sugar of eight grams each; a folding can opener; a small vial containing 12 water purification tablets; two fuel ration-heating tablets; a plastic spoon; and one packet containing four cigarettes.

Ellsworth Sees Car Shortage Getting Worse

Regarding the growing car shortage in western states, Representative Harris Ellsworth has the following to say in his "Letter From Washington":

"The shortage of freight cars is causing industries to close down and considerable unemployment in Oregon now. The situation may become worse before improvement begins. One substantial glimmer of hope comes from the fact that the car builders have recently received orders for 100,000 new freight cars. These cars will be paid for and owned by some large insurance companies as investments. They will be leased to the railroads. I have not heard that the Southern Pacific Railroad will receive any of these cars now being produced. I hope, however, that of the S.P. does not take any of the financed cars it will order some for its own account."

"Incidentally, the car shortage is not local to western Oregon now. A letter to me from the head of the Bureau of Service of the Interstate Commerce Commission recently carried this sentence in the concluding paragraph: "We are facing one of the worst country-wide car shortages in my experience and it is not improving, and will not for some time, if at all."

The soluble coffee product is reinforced with ascorbic acid (Vitamin C).

The food components of the ration may be eaten cold or hot. To heat the tinned items, the tin is submerged in water within the canteen cup and the cup is then heated by means of the fuel tablet. Troops on field maneuvers or in combat are supplied with hot meals when they have access to their unit kitchens. When separated from their kitchens they are supplied with either a C-4 or a 5-in-1 combat ration if such rations can be delivered to them. Both of these rations have been developed since the end of World War II. The old K ration has long been discarded. The D ration used during World War II is no longer used. A plastic spoon is supplied for each meal with the new combat rations. This spoon is expendable and is discarded after use. This is in contrast to the metal spoon of World War II which the soldier often carried in his boot top and used repeatedly.

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