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EDITORIALS

THE "DAM CRAZE"

The American Nature Study Society recently held a convention in Washington, at which a number of leading conservationists described a new kind of menace. That menace, in the words of a San Francisco Chronicle editorial, "is the yen of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineer Corps to build dams in every conceivable spot." Ira N. Gabrielson, director of the Wildlife Management Institute, characterized this "dam craze" as a "thinly disguised competition between two great government agencies to see which can build the most dams the fastest."

In the course of its editorial, the Chronicle dealt with several dam-building proposals whose possible benefits would seem to be far outweighed by the damage they would do. In conclusion, it said, "These are only a few examples of dam proposals all over the country which are being charged to the rivalry of the two Federal bureaus as to who can get there fastest with the mostest dams."

Behind all this dam-building furor, of course, is something more than rivalry. Its roots lie in a program whose ultimate result could only be the socialization and the destruction of the utility industry. Most of the dams are sold to the public on their alleged merits as flood control and land reclamation projects. In the long run, however, the emphasis always seems to be on power output.

The whole question of dams—and most particularly, the huge incredibly costly multi-purpose structures—should be investigated by Congress before it votes another dime for them. There is a great deal of doubt as to whether, in most regions, it is possible to combine flood control and power production in a single dam and get a satisfactory result. Moreover, there is more and more evidence which indicates that, at best, mainstream dams are not the solution to destructive floods—that efficient prevention of water damage lies in work on the farms and in the headwaters.

The fear the friends of wildlife are expressing over the dam building craze is certainly understandable. Interference with the migrating habits of fish and the nesting and resting grounds of birds may lead to the extinction of whole species. What the market hunters did to the vanished passenger pigeon and the buffalo, dams may do to furred and feathered creatures which still exist, and, once gone, could never be replaced.

Every proposed dam should be considered on its individual merits, in the light of whether it efficiently serves a real need or not. Wholesale dam-building is inexcusable.

Economic Highlights—

Nothing that could be called alarm is disturbing the business world. However, there is a great deal less unquestioning belief that the postwar boom is going to continue for an infinite period to come.

A good many of the signs are pointing downward now. There

THE WAY THIS BIRD CROSSES THE STREET YOU'D THINK HE'D SELL HIS HIDE FOR TWO-BITS



BUT JUST LET A CAR COME WITHIN TEN FEET OF HIM—



THANKS TO WM. E. ROTHY
—MAYFIELD HEIGHTS—OHIO.

IT NEVER FAILS

was a noticeable drop in employment during the last months of 1948, and jobs are nowhere near as easy to find as they once were. As 1949 opened, prices were lower than at the beginning of the preceding year—the first time that has happened in 10 years. One automobile manufacturer announced a substantial cut in production, due to the fact that new cars were piling up in their dealers' warehouses. In a long list of lines consumer resistance is noticeable, and a buyer's market is setting in. In almost all lines, more and more consumer caution has been evident. Savings are down, and installment purchasing has increased. In enterprises which live on luxury spending—entertainment, vacation travel, furs and jewelry, etc.—the drop in business has been relatively heavy.

This poses a question which only time can answer. Is the decline from the postwar peak simply a normal and inevitable adjustment following an avalanche of spending for goods which were completely unobtainable for years? Or is it the start of a serious business setback that could run into a real depression? Most of the economists still favor the first view. But they have their fingers crossed.

One theory holds that a depression of the extreme type, such as that of the '30s, is no longer possible—that the government is now geared to immediately prime the pump and through spending and various controls keep the machine ticking at a good rate until normal economic forces for the better could again take over. But that is strictly a theory, and no one really knows how it would work out in practice. Few people are willing to bank on it for their economic salvation.

The change in the business picture, small as it has been, seems to be making itself felt in some congressional circles. As an example, a considerable list of lawmakers, including many on the Democratic side, look with little favor on more taxes, either on individuals or corporations, on the grounds that they might act as a deterrent to production and plant expansion. There is also a strong sentiment against complete repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and a return to the Wagner Act, because of the danger that another wave of strikes and other labor-management disputes might result. This sentiment, incidentally, seems to be shared to some extent by members of Mr. Truman's official family.

Joe Foster received word that his brother-in-law, Orson Rawlins, of Boise, Idaho, died January 29. No other details as yet.

15 Years Ago—

Mrs. James Ross returned home Wednesday from the Sacred Heart hospital where she had been receiving treatment for a badly injured knee as a result of an automobile collision in Medford Friday evening. Mrs. Ross and little daughter, Vivian, were thrown from the car by the force of the impact. Vivian suffered the loss of a tooth and a badly cut lip. Reckless driving charges were filed against the driver of the other car.

Mrs. C. T. Skyrman and Mrs. Sid Bristow were Monday afternoon visitors in Medford.

Mrs. W. C. Loeffer spent Tuesday in Ashland, where she attended the Daughters of the Nile meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer and two little sons visited in Prospect Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel and

Lester Scott of Klamath Falls were guests over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Miss Bessie Fredenburg and Mrs. Minnie Moore and daughter Gert rode Sunday afternoon visited their sister, Mrs. M. V. Pomeroy and family in Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smiley and baby daughter, Joan, from Ken, are visiting Mrs. Smiley's parent, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Glass and Mr. Smiley's parents on the Old Highway.

Benjamin G. Peart, native son of Jackson county, where he had resided all his life, passed away at a local hospital Friday afternoon after a brief illness.

ORDINANCE NO. 276
AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 205, the Traffic Code and repealing Ordinance No. 236 which ordinance amended ordinance No. 205.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF

CENTRAL POINT DO ORDAIN A
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Article A, Section 14, of Ordinance No. 205, being the Traffic Code of the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, adopted by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor on the 7th day of May, 1934, be and, the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"All vehicles parking on any street shall be placed or spotted parallel or in line with the curb; with the right side of such vehicle to the curb; and no such vehicle to be parked more than twelve inches from such curb."

Section 2. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions in the above article of Section 14 of Ordinance No. 205 as herein amended shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$1.00 and not more than \$10.00, or, be confined in the City Jail not less than two days and no more than five days.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and especially Ordinance No. 236, are hereby repealed.

Passed first Reading Feb. 7.
Up for final passage Mar. 7.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O.C., to the legal voters of School District No. 6, of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that a SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at high school building on the 23rd day of February, 1949, at 8 o'clock in the P.M. for the following objects: To vote on the question of authorizing the Board of Directors of School District No. 6 to sell the property known as the site of the Agate Schoolhouse comprising approximately three and one-half acres.

Dated this 10th. day of February, 1949.

ATTEST:
Otto Bohnert
Chairman Board of Directors
Mrs. Merle Obenchain
District Clerk
14—Feb. 10-17.

NOTICE

The Board of Directors of School District No. 6, Jackson County, Central Point, Oregon hereby advertises for sale the property known as the Agate schoolhouse site comprising approximately three and one-half acres of land and will receive bids for the purchase of said property until 8 o'clock P.M. on February 23, 1949 at the high school building of School District No. 6. The Board of

Directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of ten percent of the bid price. Deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after the award of the bid has been made. Mail or deliver bids to Mrs. Merle Obenchain, Clerk, School District No. 6.

Sale of said site is subject to favorable vote of the legal voters of School District No. 6 at an election called for February 22, 1949 to vote on the question of authorizing the Board of Directors of School District No. 6 to sell said site.

Otto Bohnert
Chairman, School District No. 6
Mrs. Merle Obenchain
Clerk, School District No. 6
3—Feb. 10-17.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
JACKSON COUNTY

in the Matter of the Estate

of

liver Gaines, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that

have been appointed by the Circuit

Court of the State of Oregon, in

Jackson County, Administrator of

bonis non of the estate of Oliver

Gaines, deceased, and have qual-

fied. All persons having claims

against said estate are hereby

notified to present them, with prop-

er vouchers, and duly verified, to me

at the office of Harry C. Skyrman,

attorney for said estate, at Room

409, Medford Center Building, in

Medford, Oregon, within six months

from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published, Fe-

bruary 3, 1949.

George A. Christiansen

Administrator de bonis non



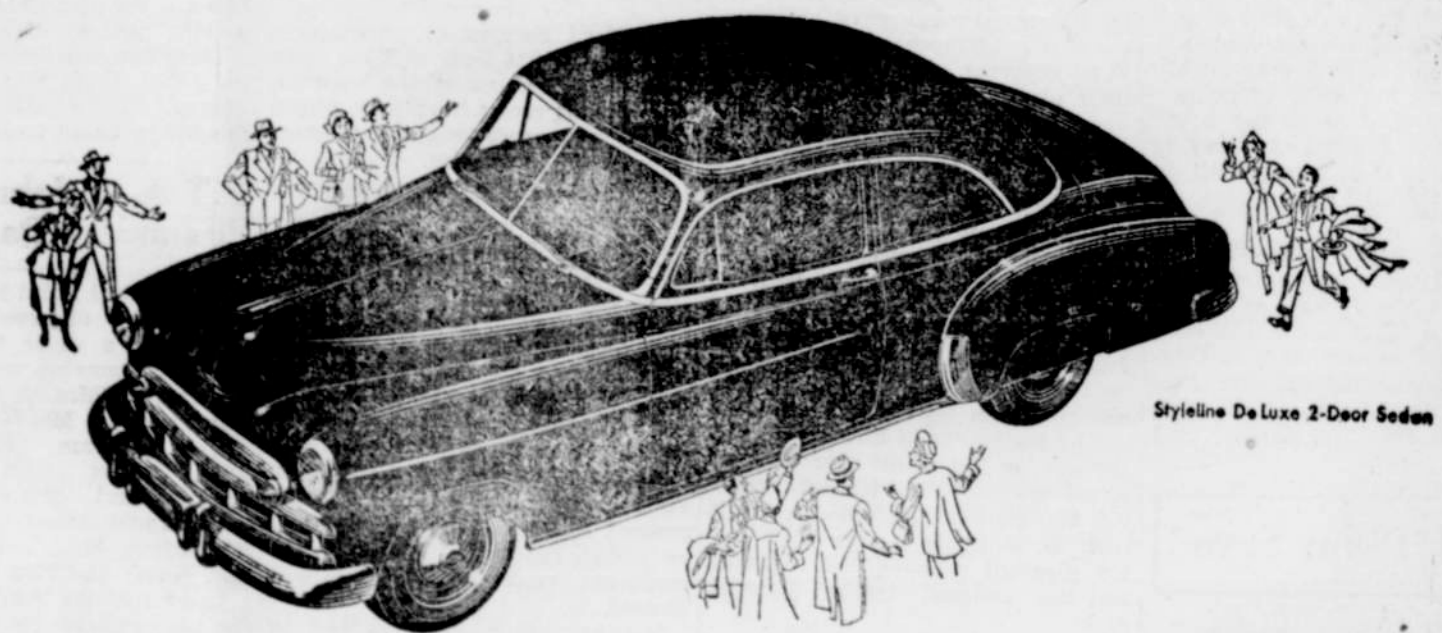
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