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EDITORIALS

A GOOD SIGN

The Oregon State Game Commission has gone on record in opposition to the formation of the Columbia Valley Administration, as now proposed in Congress. The reason for its stand is that local control over wildlife resources would be lost.

In the June issue of its Bulletin

the Commission examines various provisions of the law in some detail. One typical section says that CVA's three-man administrative board shall rely upon advice from local agencies to the fullest practicable extent. That is simply a sugar-coating which is meaningless—for the board alone has the authority to decide what is and isn't practicable. In another section lip-service is paid to protecting the access of fish to and from their spawning grounds when dams are built across streams. But the bill does not make this obligatory—it simply advises it, and leaves it to the discretion of the administrators.

As the Oregon State Game Commission Bulletin says, "The fish and game in the state belong to the state and should, therefore, be managed by the state."

Wildlife authorities the country round, whose only interest is to preserve living resources from extinction, have been pointing to the dangers in the government's big-dam building craze, along with land reclamation policies which often destroy far greater values, both tangible and intangible, than those they are supposed to preserve. When we deprive fish and game of breeding and resting grounds, or of free access to them, we deprive them of the chance to live. The market hunters of long ago completely destroyed whole species, such as the passenger pigeon, and brought others, like the buffalo, to the verge of extinction. The big-dam fanatics, and the people who want the government to change the physical

face of this continent, could do the job of destruction on a far greater scale.

This is one phase of the valley authority controversy that needs far more public attention than it has so far been given. Another phase is that this super-state philosophy would mean the end of local reliance, local independence, local control of local resources. Federal authorities would dictate what is to be done and not to be done in agricultural and industrial development. Their power would be absolute.

The growing opposition to these vast river authorities shows that more and more of us are awakening to the menace of socialism. That is the most encouraging sign the country has witnessed in a long time.

Fire Weather Report Sent Out by Radio

Logging operators of this county will receive twice daily radio broadcasts of fire weather information from two state-wide radio networks during the fire season, according to Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association.

Wiesendanger said last minute fire weather data would be broadcast daily, except Sunday, over radio station KOAC, Corvallis, 55 kilocycles, at 8:45 P.M., Pacific Daylight Saving Time.

The daily broadcast over state station KOAC is a cooperative project sponsored by the U.S. Weather Bureau, Keep Oregon Green Association and Radio Station KOAC, Wiesendanger said.

Fire weather news will also be broadcast to the logging operators twice daily at 8:25 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) over radio station KBDY, 3397.5 kilocycles. Each broadcast will be repeated ten minutes later, both morning and evening, over State Board of Forestry station KOA 413 at a frequency of 2236 kilocycles.

Wiesendanger pointed out that these twice daily broadcasts started July 1st and were developed to place the latest possible fire weather information in the hands of logging operators so they could plan each day's operation in accordance with weather conditions.

The fire prevention leader urged loggers to maintain their outstanding fire record of the past ten years by taking every precaution. He suggested that fire tools and equipment should be kept in tip-top shape at all times, that watchmen be provided where needed at logging landings, and other areas where hazard and risk is high. He pointed out that a shortage of rainfall had created an added hazard this year which would require the full cooperation of every man in the woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richmond of Rogue River called on Mrs. Cecil Minor and little daughter, Yolando, Tuesday.

Loan Assn. Report Shows Largest Increase

The Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association has just closed its books on the largest month in increases in savings, as well as in increase in loans, of any month since its organization, according to O. H. Bengtson, secretary-manager. The association made more than \$186,000 in loans last month. Savings have increased more than \$850,000 during the past year.

To mark the 40th year in business in Medford, the directors have just declared a 3 1/4 per cent dividend, according to an announcement today. The dividend rate was formerly 3 per cent. The new rate will distribute \$50,561.71. Approximately 97 per cent of the savings in the association belong to local residents.

The association has grown from the original capital of \$25,000 to the present \$3,822,496.33. The Jackson County Federal has helped more than 9,000 families in this community to purchase, build and own their homes.

An Ashland office is maintained at 15 North Main street.

Directors of the association are: John C. Mann, president; W. J. Warner, vice president; Dr. R. E. Green, treasurer; Glen O. Taylor vice president; H. J. Field, vice president; O. H. Bengtson, secretary-manager, and Ralph Billings of Ashland.

Former Local Couple Spend Holiday Here

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell of Redmond, with their three sons, Jackie Bobby and Arthur, arrived in Central Point late Friday night to visit Mrs. Powell's mother, Mrs. Ethel Huitt and Mr. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell, and other relatives.

They all gathered at the Powell home Saturday evening for a picnic lunch on the lawn. Present were Mrs. Ethel Huitt, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Huitt and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Powell and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and family besides the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Sr. Mrs. Huitt entertained with a big dinner Sunday for the group. Seated at the table, besides her own family, were Mr. and Mrs. Leylan Wood and sons; Mr. Mrs. Kenneth Powell and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell.

Monday morning when the John Powell family started on their re-

turn to Redmond, they were accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Huitt, who is planning to visit at Redmond for several weeks, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell went with them as far as Crater Lake. After a picnic lunch on the Diamond Lake road the two parties separated, each returning to their respective homes.

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