

Mining Law Revision Asked by Waltonians

Portland—More than a dozen resolutions touching on power dam construction, revision of mining laws, and water resource legislation were passed by the Oregon division of Izaak Walton League of America at its annual convention last week.

The League called for revision of federal mining statutes, asking that surface rights on mining claims be separated from sub-surface rights "to prevent claims from being filled or patented mainly for valuable timber, stream, or other surface resources."

Dredging Control
Another resolution asks for legislation to control mining dredging operations on Oregon streams. The resolution states that streams are often worth more to the state in their natural condition than are the minerals recovered from them.

Ask Forest Money
Several resolutions ask for increased Forest Service appropriations for wildlife and recreational area development. One of these urges Congress to pass a bill giving the Forest Service more funds for maintenance and development of parks, campsites and other recreational facilities. Another urges a Forest Service appropriation for research on browse ranges for big game.

In resolutions concerning power dam construction, the League asks that the Federal Power commission deny the application of the Eugene Water and Electric Board for power development on the upper main McKenzie river. The League also expresses opposition to Bald Mt. project on the Illinois river. Bald Mt. dam, which would be built by the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, would prevent passage of migratory fish, the resolution says.

The Waltonians also petition the secretary of interior to place

in the public domain certain Rogue and Illinois river valley lands which have been withdrawn from public entry for power development purposes. The League claims that power development on these lands is remote, and timber and mineral resources in the area withdrawn for power purposes should "be made available to present users."

Wildfowl habitat development
In the Warner valley and Klamath basin areas is given consideration in other resolutions. The league urges development of the Crump lake and Petrie Marsh land areas in Warner valley for wildfowl purposes. It calls for exchanges, sales and cooperative agreements by which land in these areas can be made available to the state game commission for development as wildlife habitat.

Optometrist Opens New Office Site

Dr. Tom Anderson has announced the opening of his office in the Medical Center building for the practice of optometry.

Dr. Anderson attended Medford public schools, and at the time lived here with his grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Hubbard, 728 East Jackson st. He served in the Army Air Corps as a fighter pilot during the war, and later attended the Pacific university school of optometry, graduating last June.

Dr. Anderson is married and the couple has two children. The family residence is at 709 West Jackson st.

The Military Air Transport Service carried 80 per cent of all armed forces airmail transported during 1953. The remaining 20 per cent was carried by scheduled commercial airlines.

Clackamas O&C Suit Dismissed By Federal Judge

Washington — (U.P.) — Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff yesterday dismissed a law suit by Clackamas county, Oregon, designed to block the transfer of 472,000 acres of so-called "O and C lands" from the Interior department to the Agriculture department.

The lands were granted to the Oregon & California railroad many years ago and later became a part of the national forest. Income from timber sales and grazing leases in the area has long been in dispute.

In New Legislation
The department transfer was provided for in new legislation signed by President Eisenhower last June. Clackamas county argued that the Agriculture department's methods of selling timber in large lots would bring in smaller income than would be realized under practices followed by the Interior department's Bureau of Land Management.

Richard L. Merrick, Washington, attorney for the county, argued that the new law runs counter to previous legislation for the area and deprives 18 Oregon counties of their property rights without the compensation required by the constitution.

Farm Census Better Than Half Complete

Corvallis—The 1954 census of agriculture is more than half completed in the 18 western Oregon counties served by the field office here, according to Field Supervisor Don C. Mote.

He said he is pleased with the cooperation most census enumerators are receiving from farmers, and hopes the census will be completed by the scheduled date of Dec. 15.

Quick completion of the job will help keep costs down, he said, as well as aiding in prompt publication of results. He urged farmers who have not already done so to complete their questionnaires and have it ready when the enumerator calls.

Hardwood types of trees cover more than two-thirds of the commercial forest area in Vermont. The sugar maple, beech, yellow birch are the dominant type.



SPED TO WASHINGTON in armored truck, petitions bearing 1,000,815 signatures supporting Senator McCarthy (R), Wis., are unloaded at Capitol as guard with drawn gun makes sure they are not touched by unauthorized persons. At right is James J. McIntire, Jersey City, N. J., Republican leader, who was among group which presented petitions to Senate leaders. McCarthy (right), said on eve of censure vote he expected majority to be against him. (International)

Parade Prize List Error Corrected

Due to an error in proofreading, the prizes awarded in Wednesday's Christmas opening parade were listed incorrectly. The correct list follows:

Youth Groups, Biblical theme:
First, St. Mary's Girl Scout troop, \$50; second, Roxy Ann Grange, \$25; and third, fourth and fifth, \$10 each, Senior High Pep club, Council of Church Women and Eighth Grade Tri-Hi-Y.

Youth groups, fairyland theme:
First, Knights of Pythias Scout troop, \$50; second, Eve Prentice studio, \$25; and third, fourth, fifth and sixth, \$10 each, Cub Pack 44, Southwest Medford 4-H club, Camp Fire Girls, and Girl Scout Troop 28.

Adult groups, Biblical theme:
First, Letter Carriers' Auxiliary, \$50; second, Lady Activists, \$25; and third and fourth, \$10 each, Medford Lions club and Lady Lions of Crater club.

Adult groups, fairyland theme:
First, Loyal Order of Moose, \$50; second, Medford Public Library, \$25.

481,000 vehicles used the New Hampshire seacoast toll expressway during July, 1954—11 per cent more traffic on the 14-mile road than in the same month in 1953.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Widow Too Much Tied To Mother's Company

Tying oneself too closely to anyone is never a wise policy. In the case of the woman who wrote the following letter, it is especially unwise. She says:

(Q) "I am a widow in my fifties, and I have lived with my mother, who is in her eighties, ever since I became a widow. She is in very good health for her age and likes to do things. She and I are inseparable. My children, all of whom are now grown and married, think I should have more contacts with friends of my own age. My mother would rather do things with me than with her contemporaries, so we have just drifted into being together all the time. I am beginning to wonder if this is wise. What is your opinion?"

(A) I agree with your children. You should have other contacts and other interests. It is not good for you or for your mother to be together all the time.

True, at your mother's age, many of her contemporaries are gone and those who are still alive may not be in as good health as she is. But she could have some friends who are nearer her age than you are and could do some things with them. This would broaden her interests and make her life more enjoyable.

You are much too young to be cutting yourself off from the world as you are doing. You should have friends your own age and should be taking an active part in some of the organizations of your community. This does not mean that you should neglect your mother. She might enjoy accompanying you to some of the community organizations and doing something there herself. It would be good for her to have those outside contacts.

As for your friends, there is no reason why your mother should not be around and enjoy their companionship too when they come to your home. Many of them, I am sure, will suggest that your mother accompany you when you come to see them.

There are two important things for you to remember. First, a time will come when your mother will no longer be

New Process Told

For Thorium Recovery

Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Scientists at Battelle Memorial Institute here have announced a new process for the recovery of thorium and the rare earth metals from monazite sand.

The institute says the process, developed under a project sponsored by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, is simpler than present processes and may aid in developing new markets.

Best known deposits of monazite are beach sands of Brazil and India, although there are some in Florida and Idaho and other scattered parts of the United States.

Sabrejet Crashes Into

Hanford Atomic Plant

Richland, Wash. — (U.P.) — An F86 Sabrejet fighter plane crashed in the Hanford Atomic Works restricted area yesterday and narrowly missed a building where plutonium, prime ingredient of the atomic bomb, is produced.

The pilot was identified as 2nd Lt. J. R. Ferguson of Gaywood, N. Y. He bailed out and landed uninjured in a construction area. The plane disintegrated when it hit, an Atomic Energy Commission spokesman said.

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