

Plea for Preservation Of Nature's Beauties In Oregon Ends 'Week'

(Editor's note: Natural Resources Conservation week concluded yesterday. During the week, the Mail Tribune published a series of articles prepared by various experts in fields of natural resources and conservation, to produce a better understanding of the problems involved. The following article, last in the series, was written by Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, who was chairman of the Jackson county committee for Conservation week. In it he concludes the series by giving the reasons supporting conservation of the natural beauties of the state of Oregon.)

By DR. ELMO STEVENSON
Conservation Week Chairman
Oregon, the emerald state, is a natural scenic wonderland appealing to tourist and native. No state offers more to satisfy the aesthetic senses. The setting aside of and the maintenance of parks, research, and recreational areas for the purpose of preserving their scenic, recreational, historical, and scientific values become a necessity in Oregon. Surface features ranging from rugged to serene ocean beaches, 90 per cent owned by the public, through fertile valleys, the young rolling Coast range, the volcanic Cascades, the high crop and desert lands, to the old spectacular Blue and Siskiyou mountains with deep canyons, present a unique variety.

Abundant waters furnish habitats for all sorts of finned and feathered wildlife, provide electrical potential, both harnessed and yet to be controlled, and promise refreshment to life and land.

Amazing Amount
There is an amazing amount of recreational areas in a mild, invigorating, salubrious climate. This climate combines with the varied topography and multitudinous soils to provide a verdant luxuriant plant life cover. Associated with the wide assortment of plant life is a rich, varied animal life, as well as cultivational opportunities not yet fully realized.

All of this composition, architecture, and sculpturing makes Oregon a beautiful land of great potential. Can its beauty be preserved and enhanced so that succeeding generations may enjoy it?

National and state parks, monuments, and other designated areas have been set aside to thrill the visitor with nature's primitive, spectacular scenery throughout the state. Within the borders of Oregon's 97,000 square miles are 13 national parks (Crater Lake and Oregon Caves included) and over 200 state-owned areas which are dedicated to public enjoyment forever. More than 54,000 acres of nature's select areas have been set aside in state parks alone. Numerous wayside parks, picnic and rest sides, Blue Star Memorial roadside areas and parkway strips may be enjoyed by the traveler. The third major

business in the state is that of tourists. Wilderness, primitive and wild areas have been set aside. Scientists consider it important that they remain, so far as is compatible with accessibility, in their natural state. National and state forests provide their visitors with both vocational and avocational opportunities. More than 200 U.S. Forest Camps are maintained for public use, readily accessible by good forest roads and the more than 57,600 miles of primary and secondary road system that thread nature's wonders together.

View points with adequate parking are conveniently located along these modern highways. More than 50 attractive Historical Markers tempt the traveler to hesitate, reflect and drink in nature's splendor in one of the purest atmospheres on earth. Glimpses of abundant wild animals in the national and state wildlife refuges and the game sanctuaries thrill the visitor, as do the large herds of domesticated animals in scenic pastures framed by woodland and mountain.

Efforts Should Expand
The efforts to preserve for posterity the things the present generation enjoys should not only be continued but expanded. The "litter-bug", "fire-bug", "game-hop", "vandal-bug", "plant-lifters", roadside-signers and water polluters must be decimated so that Oregon's scenery may be enjoyed by all forever. Gov. Paul Patterson's Conservation of Natural Resources Week is designed to attain this goal. Aesthetic appreciations and satisfactions make for human happiness. Let us have more of this in Oregon!

Kiwanians Schedule District Conference

Kiwanians from 18 clubs in Division 15 of the Pacific Northwest district will convene here on Sunday, May 15, for their annual spring conference. The service clubs' session will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

W. P. Riddlesberger, Eugene, division lieutenant governor will be here for the session and Fred G. Rounds, Pullman, Wash., district governor, may attend.

From 50 to 60 Kiwanians are expected here for the conference.

Two Persons Killed In Salem Accidents

Salem —(U.P.)— Two persons were killed in separate traffic accidents in the Salem area Friday night. Allen J. Stroh of Salem was fatally injured when his motorcycle collided with a car at Park ave. and Market st. Benjamin Wedel Jr., of Salem was killed when his station wagon careened off a curve on N. River Road some two miles north of Keizer.

Strike Threat Ends Against Producers Of Salk Vaccine

Detroit —(U.P.)— A strike threat to one of the nation's major producers of the Salk polio vaccine was ended Friday night when the CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers local 176 agreed to a new contract with Parke, Davis Co.

Approximately 1500 of the union's 2000 workers voted to ratify the new pact which provides a 13 cent hourly wage increase and two other benefits during the next two years. Urged Acceptance Union leaders urged acceptance of the contract despite the fact they originally demanded a guaranteed annual wage, 10 cent hourly pay boost for men workers and a 15 cent hourly hike for women employees.

The new contract awards the union a seven cent an hour increase retroactive to last Sunday, when the old pact expired. They had been meeting with company and union negotiators since last month in an attempt to head off a strike that would have halted production of the precious anti-polio vaccine.

Old Pact Extended
The old contract had been extended on a day to day basis effective May 1 to postpone a strike until settlement could be reached.

Meanwhile, the company met for four hours Friday night with the AFL International Association of Machinists in hopes of reaching agreement on a new contract for some 300 skilled maintenance men. The union approved a strike vote Wednesday.

West Germany Rises From 1945 Defeat With Booming Industry

(Editor's note: On VE-Day 10 years ago Germany lay prostrate in defeat — its armies smashed, its cities destroyed, its industries wrecked, its people starving and desperate. In 10 years West Germany has surged back to the front rank of the world's great economic powers. The U. P. chief correspondent and manager for Germany tells the story in the following dispatch.)

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
United Press Correspondent
Bonn, Germany —(U.P.)— West Germany, as it prepares to re-arm, has become the new industrial giant of Western Europe—just 10 years after the most crushing defeat suffered by a major nation.

Her industries are booming. Her bombed cities are rising anew and glistening from their ruins. Her factories are working at full capacity. And she is challenging the victors of 1945 in the world's export market.

Ten years ago this correspondent toured the length and breadth of a Germany that lay prostrate in defeat.

Every major city and most of the smaller ones were nightmarish tangles of ruins which millions of people burrowed for a shelter of some sort because they had nowhere else to go.

There were no banks, no telephones, no postal services functioning. Nine-tenths of the stores were closed and there was little for sale in those that remained open. Water, electricity and gas services were being only slowly

and painfully restored. Millions thronged roads the highways, heading for the homes that probably no longer existed or fleeing from the Russians as the new occupation zone borders were fixed.

Millions more trekked hungrily out of the starving cities each morning to grub and ransack in the neighboring countryside for potatoes or turnips.

The only courts were Allied military courts, and the only law was Allied military law.

That was the ruined Germany of May, 1945, at the end of Hitler's war.

But the ruins of its bombed-out cities have long since been cleared away and new buildings of steel and concrete have risen in their place. More than 500,000 new homes were built last year, and the Bonn government hopes to push that to 600,000 in 1955.

More than \$3,000,000,000 of United States Marshall Plan aid has been pumped into its incredible recovery. So, also, did the hard work of 50,000,000 West Germans.

Facts And Figures
Here are some facts and figures that show how this nation that suffered ruin 10 years ago already is outstripping its competitors and surging forward in an almost unparalleled economic boom.

West Germany's industrial production, according to figures issued here, increased almost twice as fast as that of Great Britain, France, Belgium or the Netherlands.

West Germany in 1954 remained Western Europe's No. 1

coal producer with an output of 128,000,000 tons compared with 124,500,000 in 1953.

Raw steel output in 1954 went up to 16,000,000 tons and automobile production spurted 36 per cent over 1953 for a total of 670,000 units. Steel output may reach 20,000,000 tons this year.

Campfire Girls

O-Ne-Kisu Group
A large crowd of guests and parents attended a colonial party held at the Teenage Club in Eagle Point April 2. The games and square dances were led by Mark Hoelt.

Refreshments were served by the Camp Fire girls. All were in colonial costume and the party completed one of the birthday project requirements for 1955.

Officers were elected April 6. They are Connie Hinks, president; Dorrene Christian, vice-president; Edna Gray, secretary; Lana McGraw, treasurer; Connie Berryman, scribe; Connie Hinks, song leader; Connie Berryman, program chairman; Martha Ansted, cleanup chairman.

A "traveling basket" has been started to raise money for the treasury. Each member will have the opportunity to put something in the basket, send it on to another member who will buy the food and keep the basket going with an added pie, cake or candy. The girls worked on Mothers' day gifts at a meeting April 20, and on April 23 they started the annual Camp Fire candy sale which will last two weeks.

Connie Berryman, Scribe.

Glaser Enters Plea Of Guilty to Charges

Albany, Ore. —(U.P.)— Frank T. Glaser, Tangent farmer and seed grower, pleaded guilty simultaneously to 200 misdemeanor charges in circuit court here Friday and was fined \$2000 and costs of \$1300 by Judge Victor Olliver.

Each of the 200 complaints accused Glaser of selling Northrup, King & Co., seed buyers, a sack of rye grass seed falsely represented as certified perennial English grass seed. Glaser waived time for sentencing and was fined \$10 on each count and required to pay \$6.50 court costs on each count.

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Illusions of Meteors

By J. HUGH PRUETT
American Meteor Society Pacific Northwest Director

To one who has had long experience in tracing the paths of those huge and often noisy meteors known as fireballs—as the present writer has been doing for the American Meteor Society for 23 years—a certain pattern of reports becomes very common and anticipated.

These meteors while luminous are usually visible in their descent when in the space from about 70 miles above the earth down to 20 miles. They come from regions far beyond the earth and become heated by friction and glow when they dash into the earth's atmosphere at speeds sometimes as great as 40 miles per second. When they reach the denser lower air, they are slowed and cooled so they cease to glow while still many miles above the ground. There is no authenticated record of their burning all the way to the surface and setting fires. But their appearance is very deceptive.

Three Types of Observers
While tracing the Mad March meteor of March 6, 1955, I encountered, as usual, three types of observers. One said the meteor looked close but was doubtless 100 or 200 miles away. Another took my word for it when told a single observer had no idea just where the fireball was and that

only when lines of sight from widely separated places are drawn on a map can the path actually be determined. Those of the third type were so sure of their eye impressions that they could not be convinced otherwise.

The fireball under discussion came down at a steep slope and ceased to glow when about over Mt. Washington in the Oregon Cascades. A man along the southern Oregon coast reported he definitely saw it still glowing as it came down between him and a nearby hill. A man and wife 100 miles distant claimed the same experience with a hill near them and were sure the meteor fell into the river. "We heard it sputter," they reported. A third observer, fully 40 miles from either of the places mentioned above, said by telephone the others were "crazy." He too saw it go down between him and a hill and wanted to take me with him to look for it. "I know exactly where it fell," he said. **Illusion Old Story**

This illusion of seeing the moving, blazing fireball against a nearby hill is an old story with "meteor chasers." My own explanation is that the deceptive impression is due to persistence of vision, surprise and excitement. The object is in view only a very few seconds. The eyes are following it down and seem to continue to see it briefly after it has "blinked out." Observers 200 or 300 miles apart will often report the same impression.

A fireball of course seems to be near. The moon seems only a mile or so above us in the sky when actually it is over 209,000 miles distant.

The Twilight meteor of Nov. 29, 1945, brought me 517 reports from California, Nevada and southern Oregon. A splendid tracing showed it disappeared in the northeastern corner of Nevada. However, many observers all over California "knew" it landed only a mile or two from them and said they could walk me to the exact spot. If I had accepted all these invitations, I would still be walking.

Farmers' Market Planned at Talent; Will Open June 1

Talent—A Farmer's Market, a new addition to Seiber's Shopping Center at the corner of New st. and Pacific highway, will open about June 1. Owner Al Seiber has announced.

The market, which contains seven rental booths, is an open-air fresh produce market which will remain open until 10 p.m. seven days a week, Seiber said. **May Rent Booths**

Seiber said Farmers from the southern Oregon area may rent a booth in the market by the week to feature locally grown products. One booth, Seiber said, will be maintained by the Shopping Center as a refreshment stand.

The building is located on the West side of Pacific highway, and is situated so prospective buyers may see produce displayed in each of the booths while driving to a parking lot at the rear.

\$3,000 Building
Seiber said the building, which is finished in Redwood and knotty pine, cost about \$3,000 not including labor, which was done by Seiber and members of the family.

The grand opening of the market will be held June 19, Seiber said, the first anniversary of the Shopping Center area. The building covers 1,400 square feet, and will be screened-in at night.

INDIAN GIRLS CHOSEN
Pendleton, Ore. —(U.P.)—A group of Pendleton businessmen Saturday selected Carolyn Mottan, Yvonne Scott, and Ethel James to represent the Umatilla Indian tribe at the All American Indian beauty contest in Sheridan, Wyo., next fall.

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