

Park Service Reviews Projects of Past Year

Construction projects totaling \$3,107,387, initiation of the 10-year Mission 66 program, and studies on recreational improvement were highlights in the work of the National Park Service in the Pacific Northwest during 1956, according to Neal A. Butterfield, Portland, chief of the Columbia Basin Recreation Survey branch of the National Park Service.

Ten-Dam Federal Construction Plan Is Recommended

Vancouver — A ten-dam federal construction program for the Pacific Northwest has been recommended in a report to President Eisenhower by the Northwest Public Power association.

The minimum 9,000,000 KW power package would also complete the navigation channel to Lewiston, Idaho, and insure 22,000,000 acre-feet of upstream storage for controlling floods.

The program would cost about \$2.5 billion, require 20 years to complete and would produce new power revenues of about \$200,000,000 per year, according to Gus Norwood, executive secretary.

Self-Financing
"This wealth-producing program would not only be self-liquidating but also generally self-financing. Legislation will be ready in January for a public regional power agency which would finance the program by means of power revenues and the issuance of electric revenue bonds," he explained.

Immediate aim of the program is to start John Day dam this year, authorize Hells Canyon dam and reserve the Nez Perce dam for future construction. The resolution urges early construction of the authorized Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams, and upon completion of negotiations with Canada, the Libby dam. Future authorization is asked for Bruce Eddy, Paradise, Glacier View and Nez Perce.

Charges of Race Prejudice Settled

All charges of discrimination in employment made in Oregon during the past year were settled by conciliation with the exception of one case which was resolved in public hearing, according to a Fair Employment Practices report released Wednesday.

The report was prepared by Mark A. Smith, FEP administrator, and was released by Norman O. Nilsen, Oregon labor commissioner.

Opportunities Noted
According to Smith, 1956 brought new employment opportunities for non-whites in such work categories as skilled trades, professional positions, government agencies and service sales.

He said carpentering, brickmasonry, auto repair, printing crafts, tool and die making, electrical wiring and optical technician are trades currently apprenticing non-white youth. Portland, Pendleton, Beaverton, Ontario and Estacada are named leading employment areas in this respect.

Evasive Methods Noted
Smith pointed out a rise of evasive methods for disqualifying non-white applicants for certain jobs and recommends evading employers be required to give the specific qualifications that determine eligibility for such jobs.

The report states that all cases filed in 1956 charged discrimination on the basis of race or color and none alleged discrimination on grounds of religion or national origin.

Railroads Turned to Private Operators

Quito, Ecuador—(U.P.)—President Camilo Ponce's government has turned the national railways over to a private company in an attempt to modernize the system and make it pay.

A decree issued Thursday said the railways had been run at a loss for many years. Sources said placing the system under private administration was expected to attract foreign capital needed for modernization.

A total of 2,376,717 visitors were tallied on the northwest's park record books for the first nine months of 1956, an increase of 7 per cent over the number of visitors for the same travel period in the previous year. These figures fell just short of being double the number of visitors in the first full post-war travel year, 1946, Butterfield said.

Campground road facilities and utilities plus the completion of two bridges at strategic locations at its main southern entrance marked improvements at the Crater Lake National Park. At the Oregon Caves National Monument, the cave lighting system was renovated and the parking area reconstructed. Construction expenditures on these two scenic spots in Oregon totaled \$305,847 during the year.

An entirely new headquarters was under construction at Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho this year at a cost of \$112,000, with roads, walks, and utilities already provided.

Coulee Dam
Coulee Dam National Recreational area, with its 150-mile long Franklin D. Roosevelt lake, has been accorded increased camping areas, beach development, and access roads, principally at Spring Canyon Beach and at Fort Spokane with a \$122,018 construction expenditure.

A project of interest to the Pacific Northwest is the Stevens Canyon road in Mount Rainier National park. A total of \$511,428 was expended on this project during 1956, and it is scheduled for completion before the end of next year's travel season.

Completion of this road will enable tourists approaching the park from the southeast by way of Yakima to travel this spectacular drive, facing Mount Rainier for almost its entire length from near the Chanapecosh entrance to the intersection with the Paradise road.

Road Construction
In Olympic National park, construction neared completion on the Heart O' the Hills road from Port Angeles to Hurricane ridge. The view of the Olympic range from this ridge is considered to be one of the most spectacular views in the entire Northwest. This and other construction in the Olympic National park totaled \$1,852,896 during the year.

Construction funds for fiscal 1957 for use in the Northwest's park system have been increased over last year's total by approximately \$500,000, marking the beginning of Mission 66, a ten-year National Park Service development program. This nationwide program is designed to replace outmoded and inadequate park facilities with physical improvements adequate to meet growing demands placed upon the Pacific Northwest's parks and recreation areas, Butterfield said.

Work began during 1956 on the preparation of a recreation plan for the entire northwest by the Columbia River Recreation Survey branch stationed at Portland. This study seeks to prepare a well-balanced non-urban recreational program for the entire Northwest with all local, county, state and federal park and recreation agencies, Butterfield said. This region-wide planning activity is being coordinated with studies of the recreation sub-committee of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee.

Paul Ford, Colonel Who Hasn't Been Promoted Since '53, Has Home in Army

By WILLIAM EWALD
United Press Correspondent
New York—(U.P.)—Paul Ford, a colonel who hasn't been promoted since 1953, has found a home in the Army.

TV audiences know Ford as Col. T. J. Hall, Sgt. Bilko's beleaguered commanding officer in CBS' Phil Silvers series. Theatre and movie fans know him as Col. Wainwright Purdy of "Teahouse of the August Moon," a role into which he was inducted on Oct. 15, 1953, on Broadway.

"It's kind of strange, but only

a few years ago, I was typed as a cop," said Ford today. "Movies, TV—all they'd give me to play were police captains and sheriffs."

"Now, everybody thinks of me as a career officer. Even the cab drivers yell out—'Hiya, colonel!'—when they spot me on the street. The funny thing is I don't think of my TV character, Col. Hall, as a colonel at all."

"I think of him as a kind of businessman. He could be a middle executive in Westinghouse or American Tobacco—the kind of guy who has gone half way

up, but won't go any further. He's been passed by."

"Fortunately," continued Ford "I don't think Col. Hall has much chance of being promoted either. At least I hope so—if he is, I'll be promoted right out of the series."

The 55-year-old Ford (his straight handle is Paul Ford Weaver) didn't zero in on show business until he was 37.

"I had a lot of job—salesman, filling station attendant, night watchman, caterer—but I wasn't very competent at them. I had five kids and a wife back in 1938 when I decided to become an actor. I'm sure everybody

must have thought I was mad."

But acting paid off for Ford. "I got the role of Col. Purdy in 'Teahouse' after I had played a minister in 'Rain,' a psychiatrist in 'Harvey' and the father in 'Dream Girl,'" recalls Ford.

"They were all kinds of squares, you know. Perfect for Purdy, who's pretty much of a square himself."

Long Run
"I was in 'Teahouse' for 1,027 performances and Phil Silvers saw me in it—that's what led to the Bilko series, I guess. I got the Purdy role in the 'Teahouse' movie after Louis Calhern died—I missed three Bilko

shows because of it, so they just wrote around me."

Ford has two more years to go on his contract with the Bilko series, but he plans to take an occasional flyer outside the show to break out of his military mold. He'll play a senator in John Patrick's new play which opens in March on Broadway and there's a deal cooking in which he'll play a businessman in the movie version of "The Matchmaker."

"Now, it's kind of pleasant to look back to the time when I decided to make the jump into acting," said Ford. "I was really lousy at everything I tried up to

then, but in acting I kind of found myself. After all these years, I figure I've finally been vindicated."



'How To' Books Popular Here, Librarian Reports

Among popular books at the Medford public library are the hundreds of titles in the card catalog beginning with the words, "How to," according to Miss Helen Webster, librarian.

A special display has been ar-

ranged near the library entrance of some of these books, which tell how to improve personal appearance, how to make more friends, how to get ahead vocationally, how to increase enjoyment of hobbies, how to improve home and living conditions, and how to enrich personal life.

Books on how to train hunting dogs, live without liquor, and arrange flowers are listed with others on how to retire and enjoy it, build a hot rod car, or become a successful emcee, Miss Webster said.

A few of the titles are "Four Weeks to Beauty," "Right Dress for Men," "How to Live 365 Days a Year" and "The Radiant Life." Advice about business success is given in such books as "How to Make a Home Business Pay." Suggestions for hobbyists include "How to Tie Flies," "How to Live in the Woods" and "How to Cook a Wolf."

Patrons can also receive advice on how to play by ear, win prize contests, be a winner at chess, lay linoleum, write short stories, spend money wisely and worry successfully.

Miss Webster said, "Jackson county readers who are interested in knowing how to do anything at all, or to do it better, are invited to request these books at library headquarters in Medford or through their nearest community branch agency."

4-H Club News

KANDY KIDS

The Kandy Kids cooking club met Dec. 31 at Patsy Charley's home. Books were distributed by the leader and officers were elected.

New officers include president, Joan Dobrot; vice president, Mary Lou Savage; secretary, Carol von Hellen; and treasurer, Carolee Brantley.

Next meeting will be Jan. 15 at Patsy Charley's residence. Each member will prepare a course for the meal and the club will eat it. After the meeting, members made taffy and other refreshments were served.

CENTRAL POINT BEEF CLUB

The Central Point Beef club held its second meeting at John Anhorn's residence on Nov. 21.

Members received their new record books for the coming year. They also discussed feed for steers. The leader outlined a feeding program and explained methods involved.

Next meeting will be at the home of Patsy and Mike Charley on the third Monday. Larry Tweedy will show a film. Games were played and refreshments served at the end of the meeting.

Plains States Get Cold Air; Rain Is Reported in SW

By UNITED PRESS

A new surge of cold air poured into the North and Central Plains states today and a storm in the Southwest brought much needed rain to that arid section.

The cold air sent readings plunging to near zero in North Dakota and to the freezing mark in Kansas. But a warming trend continued in the Midwest and extended its influence from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Coast.

The southwestern storm brought from one-half to one inch of rain to New Mexico, and dumped lesser amounts across Texas and the Lower Mississippi Valley, although Memphis, Tenn., reported a three-fourths inch downpour.

Four persons were killed at Phoenix, Ariz., when a light plane crashed into a house during a rain storm.

Snow flurries hit much of the Northern Plains area to the Great Lakes, causing hazardous driving conditions in some sections. A rash of traffic accidents was reported at Milwaukee, Wis., and a passenger train struck a car during a heavy snowstorm near Owosso, Mich., killing the motorist. None of the Grand Trunk Line train passengers was injured.

Early morning readings in the warming areas ranged from the 20s and low 30s from the Great Lakes eastward, the 40s and 50s southward and the 60s along the West Gulf Coast.

Weathermen said scattered snow flurries will spread today across the Northern Mississippi Valley through the Great Lakes and into Pennsylvania and parts of New York.

Some early morning lows around the nation included Boston 21, Washington 34, New Orleans 60, Minneapolis 19, Chicago 30, Denver 28, Seattle 39, and Los Angeles 54.

CARE TO PICK UP THE TAB

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