

Frank Riley Wins Edith Hill Memorial

Portland — (U.P.) — Frank Branch Riley, local lawyer and lecturer Friday night was named as winner of the Edith Hill Memorial award for his "outstanding contribution to Oregon."

The occasion was the ninth annual Matrix Table banquet given by Theta Sigma Phi, professional journalism honorary for women. Riley was honored for his numerous tours featuring lectures about the Northwest and for helping to attract tourists and industries to Oregon.

Five Oregon women also were honored at the banquet for achievements. They included Virginia Welch, administrator of Good Samaritan hospital, Corvallis; Mrs. Rita Calhoun, director of the home service department of Portland Gas and Coke company; Mrs. Frances Cook, justice of the peace in Beaverton and originator of the national "Safe-Teen" movement; Mrs. Helen Leonard, executive director of the Girl Scouts for the Portland area, and Mrs. Evelyn Sibley Lampman, author.

POSTMASTER

Washington — (U.P.) — Donald F. Ewald has been selected to be acting postmaster at Cutler City in Lincoln county, Ore., Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said on Saturday. Ewald will replace Mrs. Hazel V. Crane, who died last month.

Need for Water, Soil Management Program Noted in Saturday Tour

The need for a water and soil management program in the Bear creek watershed was pointed out yesterday afternoon to the Medford League of Women Voters by Clem Ault, conservationist of the Rogue Soil Conservation district, during a four-hour soil and water conservation tour.

Ault conducted the tour for about 30 members of the league in a bus provided by the Central Point school system. The tour included about 20 stops throughout the Bear creek watershed in Jackson county where creek bank and hill erosion and soil loss problems exist.

He explained many of the problems have resulted from land mismanagement, conflicts of interest and a lack of public education on understanding water and soil maintenance.

He noted that practices of "itinerant loggers," particularly in the hills west of Medford, where roads and trails have been constructed with no planting or diversion dikes to prevent erosion, "are major factors contributing to floods and soil loss from small watershed areas."

Logging Practices

Pointing out bad logging practices, Ault commented that stipulations could be included in contracts with logging operators to regulate skid trails and eliminate gulleys which create ero-

sion. The problem in this case is educating the land owners who lease the timber, he said.

A measure that could correct land and water mismanagement and also provide flood control and irrigation is a small watershed program now being prepared for Bear creek by the Isaac Walton league, Ault said. The Rogue Soil Conservation district is sponsoring the program.

According to Ault the watershed program would request federal assistance for the flood control portion of the plan and benefiting local people would finance irrigation and recreation portions of the program. Cooperation from the Jackson county court and Medford city council would be necessary before the watershed plan could gain U.S. department of agriculture approval, he noted.

Channel Blockage

The tour included stops at Jackson, Daisy and Griffin creeks to view bank erosion, channel blockage, silt and debris problems.

Problems at Griffin creek are a combination of no vegetation for bank protection, debris and silt which are producing a larger channel, Ault said. Water in a widening and deepening channel is turbulent and hard to control, he said.

He pointed out that Griffin creek becomes swifter downstream and has been a problem on the Bert Elliott farm. Behind his residence the water is diverted down a 10-foot concrete drop creating a turbulence which floods the property periodically.

Ault noted that during emergencies farmers can obtain financial assistance in reinforcing creek banks and correct other flood problems through the Agricultural Conservation program. Floods increase erosion problems, when creek channels are widened by uncontrolled water, Ault said.

Bank Willow Growth

He observed that on Jackson creek local farmers had not controlled bank willow growth and the creek's flow was now being impeded. Erosion also is the result of "plugged streams," he said.

The use of large rocks, blackberry vines and controlled willow growths will protect banks and stabilize water flow, Ault noted. He cited as an example a portion of Jackson creek near Taylor rd. which has been controlled by a thicket of blackberries.

Along portions of Jackson and Griffin creeks, poor bridge alignment creating a potential problem in case of floods was observed. Ault noted that recent bridge designs developed by the county have eliminated stone supports under bridges which previously

collected debris and impeded water flow.

Railroad Bridges

The soil conservationist pointed out where several Southern Pacific railroad bridges caused silt and "back supplies" of water.

An example of erosion damage on-property where floods had washed out part of an acre of what Ault called "some of the best alfalfa land in the county," was pointed out.

To stabilize the creek bank the owner constructed a wall of stones and willows, Ault said.

Poor maintenance of open water ditches along Taylor road was noted by Ault. He said if a drainage district was organized feeder lines could be directed to a "main water storage site." He added that finding an "economically feasible basin site" was difficult.

Management Problem

"Too much water on acreages is as harmful as not enough," he said. "Poorly drained farms are another soil management problem because they accumulate silt."

The proposed water shed for Bear creek and its tributaries would eliminate many land management problems, Ault said. He discussed property on Old Stage rd. where a "hillside erosion" problem was being corrected.

Because man-made equipment had moved top soil down hill and water erosion, Ault estimated that 40 to 50 tons of soil had been lost per acre. The property, intended for dryland pasture, is being rehabilitated by seed bed preparation, planting of proper species, fertilization, and proper grazing, he added.

Population Increase

Discussing the increasing population, Ault said it is conceivable that eventually Jackson county could run short of soil.

According to Ault it takes 2 1/2 acres per person to maintain the standards of which people in this area accustomed. But, he added, an increasing population, which means additional airports, roads and homes, is diminishing this ratio.

Ault noted that conservation of resources was a method of making the most of land and water. He defined conservation as a means of developing land according to its capabilities, not taking land out of cultivation as many people think.

Hells Canyon Group To Continue Fight

Seattle — (U.P.) — The National Hells Canyon association announced Saturday it would continue its legal efforts for a high Hells Canyon dam on the Snake river and would carry on an "all-out" effort to get the project authorized this year by Congress.

The association's board of directors decided to carry on its fight for a high dam at a meeting here Friday.

"We will continue our fight against waste of the river by any means possible," board President J. T. Marr said. "We still feel that Congress will recognize the abuse of our resources promoted by the low dams."

Idaho Power company has been authorized by the Federal Power commission to construct three low dams on the Snake. The Hells Canyon association took the matter into the courts but lost out earlier this month when the Supreme Court ruled against it.

The association's board of directors has directed its attorneys to file for a rehearing with the Supreme Court, asking the high bench to review the Hells Canyon case.

First Leg of River Cruise Completed

Portland — (U.P.) — Eight men making a 1,500 mile trip up the Columbia river planned to reach The Dalles Saturday after completing the first leg of their cruise on schedule.

They are making the trip in two 20-foot plastic outboard boats. Reason for the voyage, scheduled to wind up at Revelstoke, B. C., is to call attention to need for navigation locks in Priest Rapids and Wanapum dams and to growing interest in boating on the Columbia.

Wilfred Woods, publisher of the Wenatchee Daily World, heads the expedition.

The two boats arrived here on Friday after a rough start. They became stuck in the mud at Astoria Yacht club Thursday night and had to be pulled out by a bulldozer.

The men plan to ford around the Hanford atomic works because they are not allowed to run through the reservation.

WRITING A 'SENTENCE'

Des Moines, Iowa — (U.P.) — Neal Keasey, 41, was in jail Saturday for drunkenness because, suffering from a strong dose of writer's cramp, he couldn't resist one little medicinal nip of whiskey. He got the writer's cramp writing "I am a fellow who can't take the first drink" 2,500 times in order to avoid a 30-day jail sentence for drunkenness.

News Briefs

Chicago — (U.P.) — More than 121,000 road and yard service workers on 140 of the nation's railroads have won a 26 1/2 cent an hour package wage boost.

The National Mediation Board Friday night announced an agreement granting the increase had been reached between representatives of the railroads and the Independent Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

HANGED IN EFFIGY

Pittsburg — (U.P.) — Teamster President Dave Beck and his top administrative assistants have been hanged in effigy by a local which he placed in trusteeship 15 months ago.

Straw-stuffed figures representing Beck, James R. Hoffa, vice president; Frank Brewster, a West Coast representative, and Einar Mohn, Beck's personal assistant, were strung up Friday night at headquarters of Local 249 which as a membership of 10,000.

Placards reading "Muscle Man Hoffa," "Truful Brewster," "Honest Dave" and "Trust Me Mohn" identified the figures.

'RED PURGE'

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japanese newspapers Saturday blamed the "fanatic Red purge" activities in the United States for the suicide of Canadian ambassador to Egypt Herbert Norman.

A columnist in the Asahi Shimbun said Norman apparently killed himself because of "humiliation" he felt at being branded a Communist by the U.S. Senate internal security subcommittee.

OVERTIME FEE

Reno — (U.P.) — Washoe county commissioners Saturday proposed to charge alter-bound couples time and a half for marriage licenses issued after hours and on weekends.

The commissioners gave first reading to an ordinance hiking the cost of marriage license fees from \$5 to \$7.50 during hours the marriage license bureau is open but all other county offices are closed.

DEMAND RETURN

Madrid, Spain — (U.P.) — Spain will continue to insist that Russia return 510 tons of Spanish gold deposited in Moscow by the Republican government 20 years ago, informed sources said Saturday.

The Soviet Community Party newspaper Pravda said Friday the gold had been used up long ago by the Loyalists opposed to Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime.

NEW CABLE CAR

San Francisco — (U.P.) — San Francisco gets its first new cable car line in 77 years Sunday when

said. The girl's brother, Jimmy, 2, was left in the car unharmed.

DEPUTIES HARASSED

Petaluma, Calif. — (U.P.) — A truckload of angry bees harassed sheriff's deputies Saturday as they tried to remove the body of William G. Swicegood Sr., 72, of San Francisco, who died while driving his truck north of town.

Swicegood was headed for his ranch near Sebastopol with a load of bees. He apparently suffered a stroke or heart attack, according to the Sonoma county coroner, and his truck overturned when he lost control of the wheel.

'DOWN THE DRAIN'

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. J. William Fulbright said Saturday the administration's foreign aid program is "going down the drain" unless President Eisenhower steps in quickly to give it new vigor and a new approach.

The Arkansas senator, second-ranking Democrat on the Senate foreign relations committee, said in an interview that the president must come out strongly for the program if it is to survive growing opposition in congress.

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