

One of Nation's Most Important Natural Resources Is Water

(Editor's note: May 20 to 26 is Oregon Conservation week, proclaimed by the governor to draw attention to the state's wealth of natural resources, and the importance of conserving them for future generations. To mark the occasion, the Mail Tribune is printing a series of six articles, prepared by experts in various fields of conservation.)

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Among our natural resources, water is the one which is the most important. Water itself is the key to present and future expansion and improvement of industry, power, recreation and agriculture. Conservation of water and steady development of the annually renewable resource is of prime importance to each individual.

Truly, water is the West's most valuable resource. Although it is now extensively developed, its development is only a fraction of the potential maximum which can be obtained. Within themselves, each of the four major groups who depend upon our natural resource, water, can find the complete ability to use all of our annual supply. Therefore, in order to reach any accord and to prevent a complete stymie of progress towards full development, all concerned must adopt the attitude that there is enough to go around.

Each Must Cooperate

Each group must examine its own shortcomings in regard to careless and selfish practices in the use of this natural resource, both in actual usage and development policies.

Today, each of the four major groups depending upon water and its conservation has recently made great strides towards improved joint usage. However, let us examine critically and briefly some of the more glaring deficiencies. The power group is outstanding in its effort to cooperate with other groups, but there is much need for improvement along the lines of screening intakes and the regulation of downstream flows so as to aid the recreational or fishing group. The recreational and fishing group to a degree represents almost a quasi custodian of a natural resource. They have made terrific strides along these lines.

Unfortunately, among this group there seems to be a small but extremely vocal minority, often very sincere but somewhat ill-advised, which desires to block further water conservation development regardless of non-biased facts.

Wastes Are Problem

Much of the true damage being done to our water resource and its inherent recreational value is directly accountable to careless disposal of industrial, municipal and individual residential wastes. For example, even before summer heat and irrigation depreciates the flow of Bear Creek the few Steelhead and trout which now can be found in the stream are having a tough time to survive in its rancid waters. It must be pointed out that the Carp and suckers are thriving.

There still exist some careless logging and agricultural practices which are causing almost irreparable damage due to erosion and the resulting increased peak rates of runoff. Some of the earlier irrigation, power and industrial diversions from our streams and lakes, which diversions already are committed to the existing economy, were made with apparent disregard for the fact that downstream flows would be diminished to the point where recreational value

would be materially injured.

This deficiency is fortunately clearly offset in many instances by the improved recreational facilities offered by reservoirs constructed for flood control and other uses. Illustrations of this fact in our own area are Fish Lake and Willow Creek Reservoirs.

There is no reason whatsoever that all of the major groups who are so vitally concerned with water conservation cannot improve their own individual positions through collective and joint group actions.

An accelerated water conservation program means more jobs and better recreational facilities for all.

Chamber Manager Warns of Schemes

Transient operators often come into the Rogue valley about this time of the year with "all sorts of money making schemes," according to Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Among these operators are those claiming to sell imported old Irish lace, septic tank cleaning and roof spraying. McNeil said. He added that solicitations by telephone also increase during the summer.

Operators of these schemes often appear to be hungry and shabbily dressed, he noted, and give their sales pitch by beginning to tell how poor they are.

McNeil emphasized that residents should be cautious of septic tank cleaning crews that charge by the pound, which often results in four times the rate.

Another is roof spraying for protection of one's house. Often these operators use crank case oil mixed with green and red pigment to spray the roofs, McNeil said. The paint washes off with the first rain and leaves the home owner with an expensive clean-up job, he said.

The chamber manager urged persons considering such an offer to be certain of those with whom they are dealing and to check with local merchants with costs, guarantee and quality of work.



UNLUCKY HORSESHOE—The good luck symbol ran out for most of the homes on this horseshoe street layout in Ruskin Heights, Mo. when a devastating tornado swept through the suburban area of Kansas City. The killer tornado took at least 35 lives and injured 219 when it roared across several eastern Kansas towns bursting upon Ruskin Heights.

Manager of Chamber Warns Of Money Making Schemes

Jackson county residents were warned today about "schemes and rackets designed to fleece persons who want to earn extra money at home."

The statement was issued by Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

McNeil said the National Better Business Bureau, chambers of commerce and other organizations, have started a campaign to acquaint the public with the workings of the "scheme."

The manager noted that promoters of "work at home" schemes make frequent use of classified advertising columns of newspapers and small display advertising in magazines.

Some of the schemes involve

the sale of such varied merchandise as name plates, aprons, jewelry assembly kits, bird cages, beach robes, lamp shades and even rubber noses, McNeil said. The promoter sells nothing but "instructions" in other earn-money-at-home schemes, he said.

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are required to buy something from the promoter in all "homework" rackets, he noted. The chamber executive stated they have no interest in setting people up in authentic business activities at home.

In many cases, McNeil said, persons responding to their advertising are required to remit

a sum of money in order to find out the type of proposition involved.

Persons making such remittance receive information regarding the promoter's scheme, the manager said. He added experience indicates that little or no money can be made from the schemes of such promoters, and, in many cases, the homemaker may lose on the entire deal.

McNeil urged Jackson county residents to request information from the chamber before responding to advertisements offering spare time work at home.

About three of four private automobiles in the U.S. are used wholly or in part in the earning of a living.

Portland, KF Stations To Detect Radiation

Portland — The State Board of Health has announced a continuous monitoring program to detect radioactivity in the Portland and Klamath Falls areas during the 1957 nuclear tests in Nevada.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said the two Oregon stations were part of a nationwide surveillance network to channel radiation information to the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Public Health Service.

Costello Out on Bail To Appeal Conviction

New York — Gambler Frank Costello, in and out of jail the past few years, gets out on bail today pending an appeal of his conviction for contempt of a grand jury.

Justice Edgar J. Nathan Jr., ruled Tuesday that the gambler was entitled to bond until the appellate division rules on his conviction.

Costello, 66, was sentenced May 7 after he refused to answer questions by the grand jury concerning a recent attempt to kill the underworld lord.

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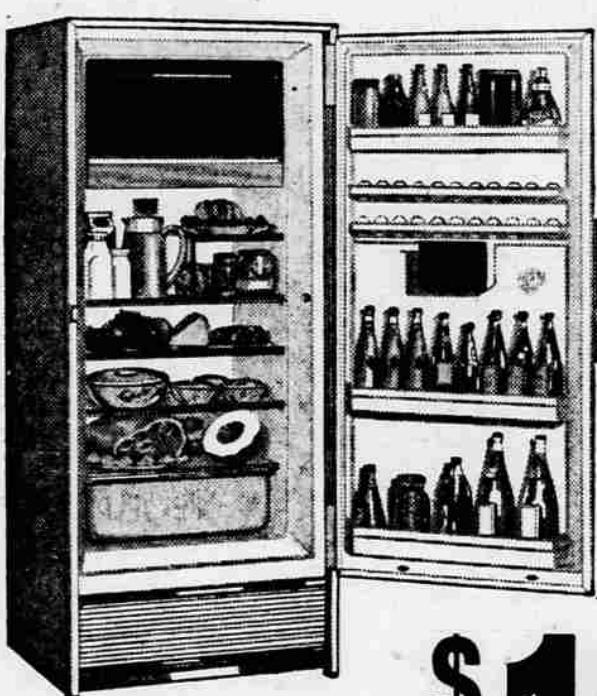
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The initial test of the 20-shot series was called off today for the seventh consecutive day because of adverse weather conditions. The firing of the nuclear device from atop a 500-foot steel tower was rescheduled for 5 a.m. Thursday.

Plagued Day And Night with Bladder Discomfort?

Such a common thing as an unwise eating or drinking may be a source of mild, but annoying bladder irritations—making you feel restless, tense, and uncomfortable. And if restless nights, with nagging backache, headache or muscular aches and pains due to over-exertion, strain or emotional upset, are adding to your misery — don't wait — try Doan's Pills.

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