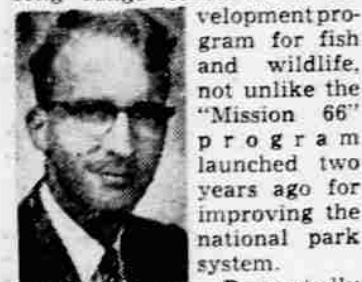


Long Range Conservation Plan For Fish, Wildlife In Works

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington — The Interior Department is working up a long range conservation program for fish and wildlife.



Development program for fish and wildlife, not unlike the "Mission 66" program launched two years ago for improving the national park system.

Reportedly it will stress such matters as land acquisitions for waterfowl as additions to the national wildlife refuge system; and research to counteract the destructive effects on fish and wildlife of such hazards as insecticides and dams.

Under the land acquisition program, the department has its eye on the 15,889-acre marsh in the Klamath Indian reservation, which would become a refuge. Interior wants to purchase the marsh from the tribe when federal supervision over the Klamaths is terminated.

Also in the works is a 2,000,000-acre wildlife management area in the Kuskokwim river delta of western Alaska, nesting ground of a high percentage of the geese and ducks on the Pacific flyway.

Better Informed
These are some of the reasons for the enthusiastic support the organized conservationists are now giving Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, after having lambasted his predecessor, Douglas McKay.

"We are very happy with him," observed a veteran conservation leader this week. "He is better informed. I don't think McKay had any knowledge of what was going on. He was being used, and I'm sorry because he is a nice guy. But Seaton knows what is going on and willing to fight for the things he believes in."

Conservationists are happiest at the moment over Seaton's recent decision against any further oil leasing of wildlife refuges, unless it appears that oil is being drained away from these federal areas by nearby drilling outside the refuges. The only exception to this ruling was in Alaska, where drilling had already started on the Kenai Moose Range and resulted in a major strike last summer.

Cub Scouts

Cub Pack 1
The annual Blue and Gold birthday party of Cub Pack 1 was held Sunday, Feb. 9, at the St. Mary's school annex. Party arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. R. J. Batzer of the pack's Mother's committee. Cubs, parents and friends were served cake and ice cream during the afternoon open house party.

At the regular pack meeting of Jan. 30, V. P. Nicoletti, cubmaster, presented the following awards:

Wolf badges, Chris Corliss, Stephen Dugan, Mark Froeber, Mike Hall, Philip Hollen, Allen Kelley, Kurt Kruger, Danny Marcisz, Steven Rose, Dennis Sullivan, Jimmie Batzer, Charles Darland, Gerald Gritch, Larry Hochstatter, Eric Jensen, David Nicoletti, Billy Pruet, Daniel Stinsen, Steven Williams; gold arrows, Dennis Sullivan, Billy Halboth Anthony Note; lion badges, Kenneth Corliss, James Carnegie, John Miller, Patrick Naumes, Steven Nelson, Larry Pickell, Ronald Roberts, Daniel Seitz, John Zenor.

Den 1 presented a skit on conservation which was followed by a movie short to complete the evening's entertainment. Mrs. J. A. Strobel of Den 1 was awarded her two year service as a den mother.

SPANISH WAR VETS QUIT

Northampton, Mass. — Lorenzo B. Dragon sent this letter to the city council: "This is to inform you that Wesley S. Brass Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, has discontinued holding meetings in the city's Memorial hall due to the physical condition of our comrades. They are over 80 years old, except one; also only four attend meetings regularly."

by Richfield. The oil industry, of course, stoutly opposed Seaton's plan to make the wildlife areas off limits to further exploration.

Conservationists are pleased over Seaton's reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service, which has raised its status at Interior through a new assistant secretary, Ross L. Lefler, a Pennsylvania conservationist in whom the organized sport and game groups express great confidence. The elevation of career men, such as Arnie J. Suomela of Oregon to become Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, has gone over big.

Other Ideas
The commercial fishing industry had other ideas, which were about to be implemented at Interior when Seaton came into office.

Seaton also is on the side of the conservation groups in

the brewing fight over Nez Perce dam in the middle Snake River. He blasted it at his last press conference, saying it "would be terribly destructive of the salmon industry and sports fishing in the Northwest."

What they are hopefully wondering now is whether Seaton will line up the Eisenhower administration behind the bill (S. 3185) recently introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore). It would require the Federal Power Commission to gain Interior's approval of fish considerations before issuing licenses for dams.

Without this form of restraint on the FPC, they see little likelihood of preserving the fish migrations of the Salmon River, one of the Northwest's natural treasures they are currently mobilizing to protect.



YOUNGEST 'WORKER'?—Phillippe Mitchell Gaspard-Michel, just 15 days old, holds his Social Security card. He began contributing to his old-age pension after appearing during a TV commercial in Hollywood, Calif.

Back Stairs: The Reception Ceremony

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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Washington — Back stairs at the White House: The whoop-la attendant at the reception of new ambassadors in European capitals is the real reason behind the recent shift in the White House system of receiving envoys on the occasion of their accreditation.

In years past, when a new ambassador came to this town, the custom was to send a White House or State Department car to his embassy and he rode quietly to the White

House with the chief of protocol to present his credentials to the President.

Wiley T. Buchanan Jr., since he has been State Department chief of protocol, has accompanied several ambassadors to the White House on such missions and noticed the high degree of contrast between the pomp and circumstance in Europe and the lack-luster treatment in Washington.

So, he decided to do something about it.

Buchanan pointed out that in a European capital, when a new ambassador is to present his credentials to the head of state, the resident government rolls out its best gold carriage and the new envoy is borne to the palace or capital in high style. The envoy also is welcomed in a colorful ceremony.

The Washington system has been for the envoy to drive up to the White House, get out of the car to be welcomed only by news photographers and walk through the lobby and into a reception room to be received by the President.

Under the new system which went into effect this week when the ambassadors of Lebanon and the Soviet Union made their first calls at the White House, a heavy jolt of color and ceremony has been added.

New ambassadors move in a big White House limousine

behind a thundering escort of motorcycle police. Waiting in the driveway outside the President's offices to greet the envoy as he arrives are the naval aide, Capt. E. P. Aurand, and Robert Gray, the appointment secretary to the President.

They escort the visitor through the lobby in arm-in-arm ceremony and the same process is repeated when the ambassador leaves.

With the weather in Washington below the 20 mark in recent days, the Secret Service and the White House police have been engaged in a rather unusual winter program for this part of the country—swimming.

It is all part of a physical fitness program ordered by the Treasurer. The police and the agents are in the midst of a strenuous swimming program, but they're not in danger of freezing. They use the President's pool in the White House where the water is heated to summery temperatures.

Weather forecasters in South Georgia are on the spot today as the President flies to Thomasville for a vacation on the plantation of former Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey. The weather down there has been cold and what the President wants to hear is that things will warm up in a hurry, and certainly no later than Friday.

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Oral Roberts Challenges Label As 'Faith Healer'; Despises It

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles about Oral Roberts, said to be one of America's most controversial evangelists.

By ALBIN KREBS
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New York — Of all the many labels that have been tacked on evangelist Oral Roberts, the one he most despises and is quickest to challenge is that of "faith-healer."

Roberts, who considers himself the most sorely misunderstood man of God in modern times, has always had, to fight a steady stream of accusations from both the clergy and the public.

The tall, gangling evangelist eagerly and calmly answers all the accusations, among them the charge he says he is not a faith-healer yet does little to dispel the notion. He is often accused of using human misery to amass a personal fortune, of battling the medical profession, and of selling the Scriptures, salvation and faith-healing like soap.

"Actually," says Roberts, "far too much is said about faith-healing portions of our services. We are primarily interested in saving souls, and prayers for the healing of the body come naturally at the close of the services because we believe God is a good God and does not want us to suffer."

Only God Can Heal
"I am not a faith-healer," he insists. "I am an instrument of God, an instrument for faith-healing—and that's different. Only God can heal and I have never claimed such powers for myself."

At each of his meetings, Roberts tells his listeners that "it's God who's doing the healing, not me" but there are still many who confuse God, the Healer, with Roberts, God's earthly contact with the sick. Roberts says he genuinely regrets this.

Roberts does maintain he possesses a God-given power that feels like "liquid fire" in his hands. The power was described by T. J. Rathke of Cameron, Wis., who claimed he was cured through Roberts of angina pectoris, as being like "a charge of electricity."

Rathke and other Roberts followers annually contribute more than \$3 million to carry on the work of the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association, whose 350 employees will move into a new seven-story headquarters building in Tulsa, Okla., in November.

The association's work is big business. It carries on 12 major Roberts crusades a year, plus several smaller ones, and broadcasts weekly over 350 radio stations around the world and 140 TV stations in the United States and Canada. It prints Abundant Life, the third-largest religious magazine in the United States and 60 million pieces of assorted literature annually. Missions are maintained in Africa and among the American Indians. Roberts is himself part Cherokee and Choctaw.

Roberts has a ready answer, one that is as honest as it is blunt, to questions about how much money he personally makes in his work. The answer: "That's nobody's business but mine."

He says it is the custom for ministers of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to keep such information to themselves, and he does not intend to break the custom.

At the close of each of his crusades, a "love offering" is collected for Roberts, his wife, and their four children. An aide said "\$2,000 is as much as we can hope for" in these collections. Since Roberts conducts a dozen crusades a year, his income thus approaches \$25,000, the same as that of Billy Graham, one of the few evangelists who reveals his salary.

The charges that Roberts over-simplifies theology, presents a too-literal interpretation of the Scriptures, and dispenses faith-healing as though he were selling soap, the evangelist has this to say: "Yes, we do use a healing

line and we have to pray over more than 200 sufferers in a single service. It may look like we're selling soap, but we're not—our time is limited, and so is my physical strength, and we're trying to do the most good for as many people as possible.

"I hope God lets me live another 30 years, for I think by then we'll see an unbelievably close alliance between science and the kind of healing I encourage. The doctors are finding out that their medicines don't always help."

Roberts says God has instructed him to save a million souls a year, and no criticism will stand in his way.

"At the same time," he says, "I would be no kind of minister at all if I didn't use my God-given ability to lead the sick to the Lord's healing waters."

Monthly Investment Plan Developed Into \$80 Million Deal

By ELMER C. WALZER
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New York — The New York Stock Exchange's monthly investment plan (MIP) now celebrating its fourth birthday has grown to a robust \$80 million baby involving investment in 2,059,165 shares.



It has grown steadily in each year of its existence, the stock market reported today. Last year participants in the plan bought 754,596 shares with investments of as little as \$40 a month. That compared with 535,090 shares bought in 1956; 402,937 in 1955; and 300,504 in 1954.

So far in 1958—the month of January—purchases amounted to 66,038 shares, or an annual rate of 792,456 shares.

The little fellows who participate in this plan have liked General Electric best for their investments. The other nine top issues best liked by MIP buyers are General Motors, Dow Chemical, Standard Oil (N.J.), Sperry Rand, Tri-Continental, Radio Corp., American Telephone, Phillips Petroleum, and American Airlines.

Phillips Petroleum jumped in popularity with a gain of 64.5 per cent in 1957 compared with 1956 and Tri-Con-

tinental, the nation's largest closed end investment trust, showed a gain of 52.6 per cent, the best performers in the group listed above.

Buy and Sell
In the last quarter of 1957 Mutual Funds sold General Electric, General Motors, American Telephone, and American Airlines and bought RCA, Sperry Rand, and Dow Chemical. The little fellows in part followed the experts.

The MIP participants favor the medium priced issues, the report by the exchange shows. Yields on their stocks range down from 5 per cent or more to a mere 2 per cent, showing a stress on growth rather than return.

Both men and women are in the plan and the women seem to like it.

Mrs. Eleanor Blumenberg of Los Angeles says women get a kick out of it because the average housewife doesn't often make major financial decisions.

"It's ideal for the small investor because most people are reluctant to buy one share at a time," said R. J. Pyne of Chicago, part owner of a sign making shop.

Hopes for the Future
"I'm a long-term investor," said Pyne in a telephone check by the stock exchange. "The important thing to me is that MIP provided a way to buy stock which I believe has great hopes for the future."

Keith Funston, president of the exchange, said the exchange is particularly im-

First Bookmobile Schedules Visit In City Friday

"B-58," the first bookmobile bought for Oregon with state and federal funds, will be exhibited to residents of Medford and Jackson county on Friday afternoon, Feb. 14. Parking spaces for the 21-foot mobile library have been reserved on Main st. in front of the United States National bank.

"B-58" is currently making a tour of western Oregon under the direction of Mrs. Mabel E. Baker, western Oregon extension librarian of the Oregon state library. The purpose of the tour is to give the readers of the state a graphic idea of the advantages of bookmobile service to those who live beyond areas served by city and community branch libraries.

The bookmobile is scheduled to leave Salem Thursday, Feb. 13, driving to Roseburg that day, then to arrive in Medford about 11 a.m. on Friday. The bookmobile will remain on exhibit in Medford Friday afternoon, and go to Ashland for display on Saturday. An actual demonstration of bookmobile tours will be held in Josephine county, Feb. 17-20, with the traveling library covering a number of routes planned for such service.

Conducting the bookmobile exhibit are two members of the state library staff, a bookmobile librarian and a driver. They will distribute brochures of information concerning bookmobile service and answer questions about the availability of federal funds for bookmobile operation.

Residents of Medford and of rural Jackson county are invited to visit the bookmobile during either its Medford or its Ashland exhibits.

Dairy Industries Elect Portland Man

Corvallis — Harold Underhill of Portland was elected president of the Oregon Dairy Industries at the closing session of its meeting here Wednesday.

J. S. George, Tillamook, was named vice president; Orville Young of Oregon State College, secretary, and Ellis Rackleff of Eugene, treasurer.

pressed "by four facets of MIP—its acceptance by the public; its dramatization of the fact that share ownership is within the practical reach of so many people; the high caliber of the stocks most popular with MIP investors; and the number of MIPers who are automatically reinvesting their dividends."

The exchange, as a part of the fourth anniversary of the plan, is launching a new drive to get more MIP participants. It is distributing to member firms a new MIP kit, explaining the methods of MIP with sample displays and sample newspaper advertisements. The kit includes a pamphlet listing the 50 stocks most popular with MIP investors, giving their price, dividends, yields and year annual dividends began.

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