

Umatilla Basin Water Supply Fair

Hermiston—A shortage of snow on water sheds in the Umatilla-Walla Walla Basin area points to "fair to poor" supplies of irrigation water from local streams this summer, according to reports at the annual water forecast meeting here Tuesday.

Manes Barton, water supply forecaster for the Soil Conservation Service, said water content of the mountain snow pack measures only 72 per cent of normal.

Farmers getting their irrigation water from reservoirs should make it through the season in "good shape," he added.

The U. S. Capitol building in Washington is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily with the exceptions of Christmas, New Year's Day, and Thanksgiving day.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Margaret F. — I don't know where I stand.

Norman J. — She is making things rough.

Margaret F. — I am in my early 30s and have not been married. Two years ago I got involved with a man I had met in connection with my job.

We went out to lunch a few times and he told me he was married but breaking up with his wife. He asked me to go out with him evenings and I did. He finally left his wife for about a week and at that time we became involved in intimate relationship. Then he went back to her.

We get together now about once a week. He says it is all the time he can get away from

his wife who has been quite sick. But the rest of the week I am left alone every night. Even when we are together we fight a lot. I'll admit I pick on him and I'm irritable because I don't know where I stand. He says he loves me and will marry me — someday.

Norman J. — Everything about this affair has been unlucky from the start. Yet I am very much in love with Margaret and certainly do intend to marry her.

My wife and I have been married for 15 years and we have been unhappy from the first day. We have always talked of breaking up. We have no children so we feel there is no reason for us to go on being miserably together.

On the other hand, after being together 15 years you don't just walk out on somebody who is sick. Margaret doesn't understand that. She thinks I owe her something too, but after all she is young and healthy and is used to taking care of herself.

I do love Margaret and want to marry her, but she is making things so rough I'm afraid we'll both fall out of love.

The Council: Quite accidentally, Margaret and Norman seem to have stumbled on one of the good reasons why bigamy is impractical in our society. It won't do to try to please two women at the same time.

In societies where a woman's wishes aren't of much account it really doesn't matter too much, but we are brought man feels that he owes an obligation to only one woman at a time — and usually it is the woman he marries. Margaret's mistake is in imagining that by some special law she is the woman to whom Norman owes this obligation.

We can't blame Margaret for being upset because she doesn't know where she stands. She doesn't stand anywhere.

Norman evidently doesn't really know where he stands either. He doesn't recognize that he needs his "miserable" marriage — just as it is. The fact that he and his wife have done nothing in 15 years to improve things is a sure sign that they haven't had the serious desire to do so.

It may be possible for Margaret and Norman to organize their lives somewhat more happily, but they certainly can't do it together. Since Margaret is the one who has most to lose by the present arrangement she should do herself the service of getting out of it — fast.

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Plymouth, England—Army Cpl. Glen Davies was charged with breaking into the home of Vivienne Ellis, 17, a photographer's model. He is alleged to have stolen 157 photographs of Miss Ellis.

Story of Search In Frontier Times

The story of a search through the southern Oregon mountains for the Lost Badger gold mine appears in the spring issue of Frontier Times magazine. Tom Bailey, former Grants Pass school student, and Missouri Flat resident, is the author.

Bailey tells of his searches as a youngster for the lost mine, which he says was discovered in 1878 by a German immigrant and prospector. A map accompanying Bailey's story indicates that the Lost Badger mine is located near Miller creek north of Provoit in the Applegate area.

Applications Being Taken for Positions

Applications are being accepted by the civil service commission for several positions. They include third and fourth mate on a hopper dredge, engineering aid, soil conservation aid, electronic technician, soil scientist, construction inspector, mechanical inspector, electrical inspector and tax examiner.

First Aid Classes Scheduled to Start

A series of classes on first aid, sponsored by the Jackson aid, sponsored by the Jackson county employees association, will be held each Thursday evening starting April 9 in the conference room of the courthouse annex. The classes will begin at 8 p.m.

Silverton Man Named Admissions Director

Eugene—Vernon L. Barkhurst, 36, a native of Silverton, became director of admissions at the University of Oregon April 1. He succeeds J. Spencer Carlson, former director of admissions and head of the counselling program, who now devotes full time to counselling and testing.

Barkhurst holds a bachelor's and masters degree in history from the university, and has done graduate work at Oregon State college. He has taught at Corvallis High school and served from last September until January as a graduate assistant to Francis B. Nickerson, executive secretary of the College-High school relations committee of the state system of higher education.

DON'T TEMPT 'EM

Moscow—Soviet novelists have been advised not to obstruct the government campaign against alcoholism by writing with relish about drinking at banquets and parties. An article in the Literary Gazette bade them follow the example of the late American writer Jack London— "His 'John Barleycorn' cannot be perused without a shudder."

Boy Scouts

Troop 8
The annual Charter dinner of Troop 8 Boy Scouts of America will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Guild hall of the Episcopal church on North Oakdale ave.

A Court of Honor will be held shortly after the dinner. All parents and members of the scouts families are invited to attend.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In New York Sunday—on the CBS program entitled "The Great Challenge"—a panel of five distinguished Americans questioned whether the great volume of news presented by newspapers, radio and television is providing the American public with the information it needs to understand these complex times.

The panel's members were Presidential Press Secretary James Hagerty; Charles A. Sprague, editor of the Salem (Oregon) Statesman and a former governor of Oregon; Robert D. Swezey, executive vice-president of WDSU Broadcasting Corporation of New Orleans; James Reston, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., author and professor of history at Harvard University.

Of the five—all of them distinguished leaders in the field of information—only Mr. Sprague gave an unqualified affirmative to the question as to whether the public is getting enough information. The other four dissented to a greater or less degree.

MR. SPRAGUE (Charley, to his co-workers out here in the West) said flatly he thinks the information the public is getting is GREATER IN QUANTITY and BETTER IN QUALITY than ever before.

I quite agree with him. But I go a little farther. I think what the American public GREATLY needs is more and better information on HOW TO READ AND LISTEN TO THE NEWS. How to APPRAISE it. What to pay careful attention to. What to DISCOUNT—and why.

WE NEED especially, it seems to me, to learn to differentiate between factual news and what I choose to call JAWBONE news. It's the jawbone news that is dangerous. It's the jawbone news that needs more careful and discerning readership on the part of the public. It's the jawbone news that needs to be questioned penetratingly by readers and listeners as to its motives and its purposes.

It's the jawbone news to which readers should apply the acid test of WHY DID HE SAY THAT? What is he trying to make us believe? Jawbone news is the chip that needs to be constantly turned over to see what is under it. It's the jawbone news that needs more honest and thoughtful interpretation by what we call the press.

THEN—
Of course—

There's the scandal and the dirt. We can't ignore it—when it is factual and not just gussied up to sell more copies and get more listeners. We can't bury our heads in the sand—as the ostrich is alleged to do—and IGNORE all such things.

But we should pay less attention to it. And MUCH MORE attention to the informative and constructive news that really dominates our newspapers and our responsible broadcasts. The not-too-well known fact is that three-quarters of all the news in every newspaper worthy of the name is informative and constructive rather than merely salacious.

If any reader contends that any responsible newspaper in America is dominated by the salacious and the sensational, it amounts to nothing more than a confession on his part that it is the salacious and the sensational that he selects for his own reading.

I'D LIKE to commend as strongly as I know how what was said in New York the other day by my colleague and close personal friend, Charley Sprague.

He is a THOUGHTFUL editor—the kind we need more of.

Wall Street Chatter

New York—Hemphill, Noyes & Co. feels the great discrepancy between yields in tax-exempt bonds and the after-tax returns of stocks and corporate bonds is enough to signal "buy now" to any investor who thinks there may be some swing of favor from the hope of capital gains to a liking for spendable income.

Standard & Poor's is carrying a study of investment possibilities in foreign common stocks. In it, it notes however, that this is a "field for larger

accounts only. For the 'rank and file' investor, there is no dearth of opportunities in domestic securities . . ."

Investors Advisory Institute says a steel strike, if it does materialize, is unlikely to prove a serious stock market influence, based on past experience, as the threat has already been somewhat discounted.

The Spear Market and Group Trend Letter has selected for its group study this month the agricultural equipments "because of their good relative action in recent weeks and their generally favorable outlook."

Bache & Co. favors some of the smaller rubber companies, including Armstrong Rubber, Mansfield Tire, Mohawk Rubber and Seiberling.

Fire at Rest Home Fatal To Inmate

Branchville, N.J.—Fire broke out in a rest home for the aged Monday night, killing one man and injuring another. Forty-one other elderly residents walked out or were led to safety.

Louis Little, 82, Hightstown, N.J., died in a third floor living room where he was having supper from a tray. Most of the 42 guests were in the dining room on the first floor of The Pines Rest Home when the blaze broke out.

Firemen said the fact it was dinner time probably averted a greater tragedy.

Linfield Receives Foundation Grant

McMinnville—The Research Institute of Linfield College has received a three-year grant totaling \$101,700 from the National Science Foundation for basic research of energy distribution in field-emitted electrons.

The study will be under the direction of executive director Dr. Walter P. Dyke.

County Home Rule Bill Passes House

Salem—The House Tuesday passed and sent to the Senate House Bill 616 which implements a constitutional amendment for county home rule which was voted on by the people in 1958.

The bill sets up statutory procedures for adoption of county charters. Voters may adopt, amend or repeal such charters.

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