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Morse May Not Go Along With Changing Green Peter Name

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Washington (Special) – Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) hints that he may not go along with the proposal to rename a Willamette valley dam for Douglas McKay.

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Bills to change the name of Green Peter dam, a proposed multi-purpose project on the Middle Santiam river, to be Douglas McKay dam and reservoir have been introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) and Rep Walter Norblad (R-Ore.)

Asked for his reaction, Morse said briskly: "No Comment." When pressed to express his view, Morse said he thought his answer was both "direct and illuminating" as to his feelings on the matter.

Anticipates Action

Congressman Porter, in a House speech last Monday, appeared to anticipate that Morse might not greet the idea enthusiastically. He said:

"Won't some Democrats, especially those who remember his opposition to Hells Canyon dam, object? I suppose they will."

Porter recalled that he took part in the 1956 campaign when McKay tried to unseat Morse.

"Many of the tactics used by the McKay forces, I don't say McKay himself, were more than questionable," Porter said. "However, those tactics boomeranged and Senator Morse won by some 60,000 votes. Should these tactics and McKay's differences of political and economic beliefs lead to opposition by Democrats in Oregon or elsewhere to the proposed legislation? I think not. The man who has the most reason to refuse to let bygones be bygones is Wayne Morse. How does he feel?

Answers Own Question

Porter answered his own question by noting that Morse had praised McKay's recent work on the International Joint commission.

There may be more than honor involved in the renaming idea. The dam hasn't been built yet – and efforts of Oregon's congressional Democrats to obtain funds to start its construction under the name of Green Peter dam have so far failed.

The Senate last year approved construction funds, but the House insisted on deleting this item from the public works appropriation bill before it went to the White House.

Less Frugal Mood

This year the decision is just around the corner. Again the Senate added $1.5 million for Green Peter, but this is subject to House-Senate conference approval. The House this year is in a less frugal mood, for it agreed to add a few new projects not in the administrations budget.

But since the Senate added Green Peter and others, President Eisenhower has sent up a warning in a letter to Rep. John Taber (R-N.Y.), expressing alarm over the size of the bill. He hinted he is set to veto the measure if it is not trimmed back toward his lower budget figures.

A trimming operation might easily cut out funds for Green Peter dam, an all-federal project that has some Democratic backers but no special appeal to Republicans. The question is whether the president and Republicans would oppose funds to start a dam that would honor the late cabinet officer.

Disclaims Thought

Neuberger, who disclaims any thought that renaming it would get funds approved more readily, said: "I don't think if we called it Florence Nightingale dam it would soften the hearts of the president's budget advisors."

The main issue is the current battle of the budget – with the president trying to hold down "spending" and the Democrats in Congress showing increasing frustration over how to overcome his power to hold them in line with the veto.

One stratagem being considered by Democrats is to hold back the public works appropriation bill until near adjournment. If the president then vetoed it after Congress left town, this would cut off all funds for the Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power administration, bureau of reclamation and related agencies.

But Eisenhower could sign it and order federal agencies not to spend the money for projects he disapproved of.

Bridge Team Seek Knockouts

Chicago – (UPI) – A pared-down field of 44 teams met yesterday in the fourth day of the national masters knockout team contest at the 31st annual summer tournament of the American Contract Bridge league.

Each team must be beaten twice before dropping from the double-elimination tourney.

Only 11 teams were left unbeaten after three rounds of knockout play Friday night.

The top-seeded team, headed by Charles H. Goren, stayed in the tourney by beating the Robert E. Pugh team of Ottawa, Canada, by 24 points.

CHECKERED CAREER

Sacramento, Calif. – (UPI) – Ellen Doreene Harris, 18, was arrested with two friends Saturday night on charges of passing forged checks in local supermarkets. "I guess this ruins my plans to study criminology and become a policewoman," she told arresting officers.

What Is The Law?

This column is prepared as a public service by the College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, to explain basic legal principles, not to provide legal advice. The reader is cautioned not to apply these cases to his own problems without an attorney's advice, for differing facts may change the outcome.

Husband Can Give Away Holdings to Spite Widow

During his 25 years of marriage to Ann, Joe held extensive holdings in various companies, as well as the title to their home. Although Ann had always been a faithful and devoted wife, 51-year-old Joe began to find fault with her and asked for a divorce. When Ann refused, he moved to another city to live by himself. Joe did not want Ann to get his property, and, shortly before his death five years later, he gave all of it to his cronies. He did not execute a will.

Unfortunately, Ann has no rights to any of the property Joe had given away except for a "life estate" in one-half of the house. Furthermore, that "life estate" is of little value since the other owners can force the sale of the house, and Ann might receive only a small sum of money.

Important Asset

Ann's right to the land dates back to early English law which gives a widow "dower" right in all of the land owned by her husband; he could not deprive her of this right by a transfer during his lifetime or at his death. Land was then man's most important asset, but most wealth in the United States today is held in personal property rather than land. Thus Ann's "dower" right is a small part of the marital property picture.

Had Joe not given away his holdings before his death, most states would give Ann a certain "guaranteed" share of her deceased husband's personal property (one fourth in Oregon) as well as land. Thus she could not be completely disinherited by will. But Joe had nothing left to will when he died; and only because Oregon is one of a few states which recognizes 'common law dower" (which protects the wife's interest in land from a lifetime transfer by her husband) does Ann retain a limited interest in the house.

Legislatures have passed statutes clearly leaving this lifetime transfer "loophole" in the law. While many courts have recognized the unfortunate state of the law in relation to the rights of a widow, the courts cannot change the law. Some jurists have suggested that because most legislators are men, the lawmakers have deliberately left an "out" for the male property holder.

BUM STEER

Denver – (UPI) – Denver police recorded one "ox-dent" in the city's centennial parade. A parading ox scratched and dented a passing auto with his wildly tossing head.

Bedford, England – (UPI) – Fellow airmen at Chicksands U.S. Air Force base bet Airman Horace Pelle $10 that he wouldn't eat a live frog. They had to pay.

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CENTRAL POINT
Crater High FFA Meets

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point – The Crater High school Future Farmers of America chapter held its second summer meeting at TouVelle State park recently.

John Caster, president, called the meeting, and opening ceremonies were conducted by Chapter officers. The minutes were read by Don Ryan, secretary, and progress reports were given by chapter officers and committee heads. The reports included a treasurer's report by Pete Melsted; Dave Foote, promotion manager, gave a report on television and radio programs. LeRoy Chastain, tractor foreman, reported on the condition of tractor, custom work and policies newly adopted concerning use of the tractor.

Ron Ross, chain animal chairman, reported on the animals which the chapter would have available in the coming months. Nate Banry gave a news report.

The final report of the evening given by Don Denning was a talk given for incoming freshmen. He discussed the policies and advantages of taking vocational agriculture. Ed Griggs, vo ag instructor, spoke to parents on the same subject.

Ralph Morgan, state FFA advisor, complimented the boys on the progress of the Crater FFA chapter and encouraged them to continue their good work.

Mrs. Arthur Ayers returned last Tuesday from a 10-day vacation in Portland. She visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Del Ayers. On her way home Mrs. Ayers stopped in Eugene and visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Tharp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Young and son, Charles, returned Tuesday from a 10-day trip. They visited relatives in Salem, Longview and Kelso. They also attended the Centennial and at McNary dam they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gene Young, and sons.

Bill Lacy, South Second st., Central Point, is in Rogue Valley hospital. Lacy, who is active for his 90 years, fell and broke his hip. The accident happened Friday at his home.

Two bus loads of Crater High school students attended opening night of the Shakespearean Festival. The students spent the day in Ashland, going to a rehearsal earlier in the day, and a swimming party before the Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wyatt gave a birthday party Sunday for Mrs. Wyatt's mother, Mrs. Fred Bloomingcamp, of Hornbrook. Attending were Mrs. Bloomingcamp and Charles Bloomingcamp of Hornbrook, Calif., Mrs. Marjorie Snyder, Karen and Vickie of Medford, and the Wyatt's children, Stevie, Paul, and Teresa. Mrs. Snyder is also a daughter of Mrs. Bloomingcamp's and Charles Bloomingcamp is her son.

Guests Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Greenman were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Greenman Jr. of Klamath Falls.

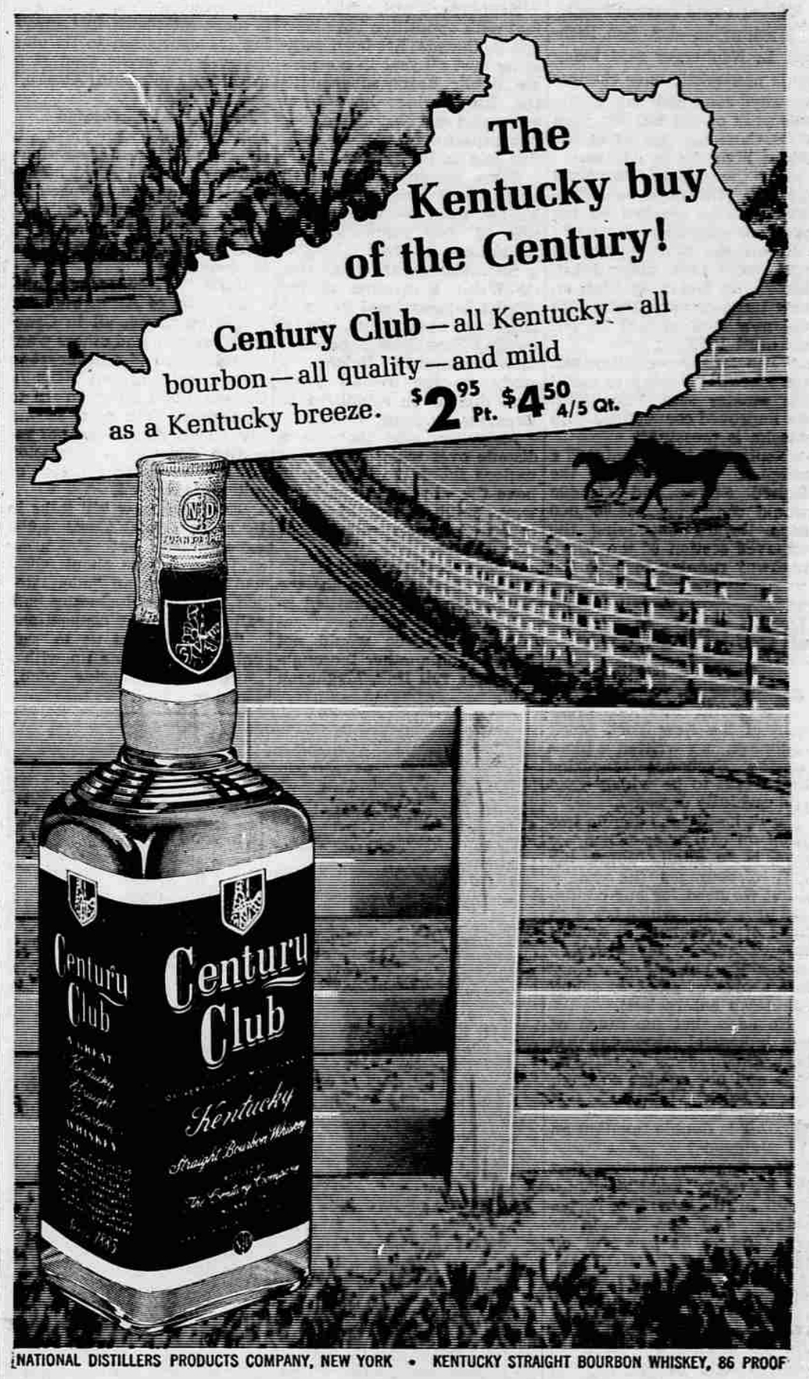
Miss Sharon Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson, of Lark lane, returned to her home Tuesday after spending the past month in Monterey Park and Ventura, Calif. Miss Thompson brought her cousin, Miss Linda Scobie, back with her for a months visit. Miss Scobie will also be visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. P. A. Scobie, of Eagle Point.

MEXICO CRUISE

William L. Evans, fireman apprentice, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Evans, 1425 Lawnridge st., Medford, recently returned to San Diego, Calif., after a two-week cruise to Acapulco, Mexico, aboard the attack transport USS Calvert.

THE TENDER TRAP

Fulwell, England – (UPI) – A golfer who didn't give his name claimed today that he hit a hole in one in a million Sunday. The ball drove 200 yards, he said, into the trouser pocket of another golfer.



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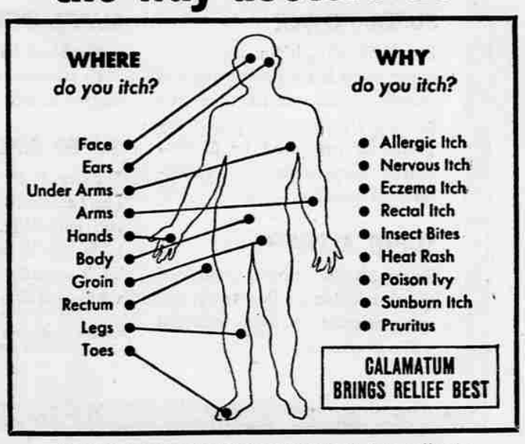

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