

# Izaak Walton League Chapter Favors, Opposes Resolutions

Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League Monday night went on record favoring legislation by Congress which would return to the states the power to control water and the use thereof on non-navigable streams.

Members also passed resolutions strongly opposing construction of dams at Copper Canyon on Rogue river and at Buzzard's Roost in the Illinois river.

In other resolutions the Walton chapter went on record opposing creation of an Oregon department of natural resources and urged the Jackson county court to make provision for use of all funds received from the Oregon state marine board, for enforcement of boating regulations and development of boating facilities. Waltonians asked that the state game commission open trout season on April 22 above Laurelhurst bridge on the main stem of the Rogue river and above Cobleigh bridge on Big Butte creek.

A resolution to reaffirm the chapter's stand against consolidation of the state fish commission and the state game commission was tabled.

**Water Use Control**  
In their water use control action, Waltonians declared: "It has been and should be the power of each state to control the water and use thereof in the respective non-navigable streams within its boundaries."

The members pointed out, however, that the U. S. Supreme Court has by several decisions held in effect that, even on non-navigable streams, states cannot prevent construction of dams under permits issued by the federal government, and thereby, has

denied states substantial control over streams. This resolution has a tie to those on the Buzzard's Roost and Copper Canyon issues. Coos-Curry Electric cooperative has applied to the federal power commission for a license on the proposed Buzzard's Roost project. Site is six miles up the Illinois from its mouth and the purpose is power generation.

Published reports indicate that a 515-foot high dam is sought on the Illinois site with a crest 1,000 feet long. The reservoir would be 18 miles long with storage of 1,200,000 acre feet of water and draw-down providing 200,000 acre feet of usable storage.

Waltonians argued that the dam would effectively block all runs of chinook and silver salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout and other fish, and the same would be destroyed since the dam would make inaccessible about 165,499 square yards of spawning gravel out of about 185,499 in the Illinois river system.

The IWL resolution brings out that the Illinois fishery, made up of about 3,350 fall chinook, 3,000 silver salmon

and 25,000 steelhead, is a valuable part of the Oregon fishery resource and is one of the few existing winter steelhead streams in the Rogue basin. It maintains that fish ladders will not operate successfully and that transporting devices have been unsuccessful elsewhere.

Walton members vigorously questioned the economic feasibility of the project, the market and need for power from such a dam and the benefit to the public. They mentioned that the Oregon hydroelectric commission denied permission for a dam upstream from the site and said the Oregon water resources board probably will not approve such a dam.

The resolution on the Copper Canyon proposal declared that such a dam is not needed and would be contrary to the best interests of the great majority of the people. Resulting ultimate destruction of fish was brought out.

The dam would flood out a great stretch of river unexcelled for scenery and boat trips over wild water and substitute a reservoir upriver, a distance of about 100 miles, which would soon become

overrun with scrap fish, it was said.

In addition to opposing creation of an Oregon department of natural resources, other than the committee which now exists in advisory capacity, the Jackson chapter also went on record opposed to inclusion of the fish commission and game commission in any such department. Chapter stand was taken in anticipation of consideration by the state legislature of the governor's reorganization program.

Walton members asserted that inclusion of the two commissions in the natural resources department would be a backward step, negating the continuity of personnel and policy, freedom from interference, independence of thought and action and removal of the commissions from politics, which are essential to a sound and continuing program. Fear of the affect of politics particularly was expressed, should there be a department under power of the governor and a director appointed by him with great and far reaching authority and control.

The purely advisory status of the natural resources committee is all the capacity it should have, the resolution said. In the resolution seeking definite earmarking of the funds from the marine board, the Waltonians pointed out that this money now goes to the county general fund. As a measure to protect downstream migrating young salmon and steelhead, opening of trout season in the Rogue basin has been delayed until late May, a month later than the general season opening. In the resolution to open the Rogue above Laurelhurst bridge and Big Butte above Cobleigh bridge on April 22, Waltonians said that most of the salmon and steelhead of a size which might be hooked by anglers would be below the two bridges by that time. The two streams were opened to trout fishing above the two bridges when the general season began in 1959. Last year all Rogue basin streams were closed to angling until late May.

Resolution Tabled

The resolution to reaffirm stand against merger of game fish commissions was presented

also in anticipation of a bill at the current session of the legislature. Decision to table came after prolonged discussion. Waltonians are desirous that monies collected from sportsmen for fishing and hunting licenses are spent for their benefit and interests rather than to be sidetracked to commercial interests.

It was decided to wait and see whether safeguards are included in the bill presented. Such safeguards might make the bill desirable legislation. Chapter President Jack Hanel named Earl Knight, Paul Weiland and Kenneth Denman as a committee for possible rephrasing of the resolution.

Knight, Tom Rickard and Henry DeVoss were named to confer with C. C. Hoover, chairman of an Eagle Point-Grange committee which is fostering recreational development of the Whetstone creek area.

Ralph Wiese, recreational director of Rogue River National forest, showed slides of mountain climbing and mountain scenery and spoke on mountain climbing experiences.

## Police Count Fingers, Not Brothers' Noses

Morristown, N.J. — (UPI) — The county jailers are using their fingers to count off the Fernandez boys—one, two, three — counting noses doesn't work as they all look alike.

Two of the 20-year-old triplets are waiting trial on breaking and entering charges. The third was jailed Tuesday for parole violation.



HARRISON MEYER To Be at Phoenix Bank

## Loan Officer Told For Branch Bank

Harrison G. Meyer, an officer at the Medford branch of First National Bank of Oregon, will be the operations and loan officer at the new Phoenix branch, which will open next month.

Meyer joined First National 14 years ago at Medford and has served in numerous departments of the bank, gaining wide experience in all phases of branch banking. The new Phoenix branch is scheduled to open Feb. 10 with an all-day open house and celebration, according to Emmett Whitman, manager of the new bank.

## Three Children Die in Blaze

Washington — (UPI) — Three young children, apparently left alone, were killed early today when a fire swept their two-story house.

Firemen found Sharon Shorter, 4, and her brothers Kirk, 5, and Malcolm, 7, stretched out on the floor of an upstairs bedroom. The badly burned youngsters were pronounced dead at a hospital.

Fire officials said the children's mother, identified as 24-year-old Jean Shorter, was not home when the fire broke out.

The blaze gutted the first floor of the brick home in the southeast section of the city and badly damaged the second floor. Firemen could not determine the cause of the fire immediately.

They said the blaze apparently started in the living room, spread to the rear of the first floor and then through the ceiling to the second floor where the children were sleeping.

## Clothing, Bedding Needed Locally By Salvation Army

Clothing for children and men and bedding are still needed by the Salvation Army, Sr. Capt. William Ricken, commanding officer, reminded residents today.

Last week the Salvation Army started a clothing drive in the county. He said that the cold weather and the unemployment in the area has resulted in a higher number of distributions for clothing and bedding. He added that only a half dozen calls are being received at the office for them to pick up items.

Furniture that is usable is also desired to meet the local low income families needs, Captain Ricken said.

During December more than 400 items of clothing and shoes were given away. The previous month 250 items were distributed. In addition to this, the Salvation Army distributed 178 grocery orders.

Single transient men and families who have been housed at the shelter on Crews rd. totals 441 beds and 1,143 meals served. This figure includes 167 women, he added.

The officer said that with the need for clothing, it has become necessary for the Salvation Army to contact people at their homes. He encouraged residents to telephone the office at Spring 3-7335 if they have any surplus clothing or bedding so a truck may be sent to pick it up Tuesday or Friday.

Clothing may also be left at the Salvation Army, 30 North Holly st., Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Court Records

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Evelyn L. Kenner vs. Loretta M. Kenner, divorce decree.  
Ruth A. Sacharoff vs. Mark Leon Sacharoff, divorce decree.  
Mary Elizabeth Robbins vs. Gerald Leslie Robbins, divorce decree.  
Rose M. Thorpe vs. George B. Thorpe, divorce decree.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Robert Carl Miller, 217 West Jackson st., Medford, and Kay Diane Sutton, 3781 South Pacific highway, Medford.

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