

Oregon Projects Deleted From Bill

Washington — (UPI) — Planning funds for a 40-foot Columbia River channel and funds to start work on two other Oregon projects were knocked out of the public works bill by a House-Senate conference committee Thursday.

This means a delay of at least a year in the already authorized Columbia River project. A sum of \$100,000 in planning funds had been requested.

Also knocked out in the conference were \$500,000 to start construction on the Blue River Reservoir project in Lane county and \$200,000 for the construction on Yaquina Bay jetty project in Lincoln county. However, \$100,000 for planning was allowed on the Yaquina project.

The committee approved \$9,079,000 for Cougar Reservoir and \$100,000 for Willamette River Basin study.

Broiler Chicken Producers Face Drop in Prices

Washington — (UPI) — Government economists have warned there is a cost-price squeeze coming this winter for producers of broiler chickens.

The Agriculture Department said that marketing of broilers will begin to increase late this year. The result will be a drop in prices.

The department said prices late this year and early in 1963 are likely to be substantially below the levels for the same period a year ago.

Costs Going Up

While prices for broilers are falling, producers are probably going to find their costs going up.

An Agriculture Department report on the poultry and egg situation noted that the cost of baby broiler chicks already has risen in recent weeks. And it said that some further increases are likely.

This forecast of lower chicken prices coupled with higher costs is apparently the result of a spring and summer of good broiler prices. From last May through mid-September, broiler prices have been relatively good — far above last year's depressed levels. As a result, many producers once again seem willing to increase production.

LETTER FINDS WAY

Albuquerque, N.M. — (UPI) — A letter addressed to "Alba Turkey, New Mexico," has found its way to this city.

New National Sport

'Knocking the Monument' Gaining In Popularity Among Congressmen

By DICK WEST
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Washington — (UPI) — The past couple of years have seen the development of a great new national sport, ranking in popularity somewhere between shuffleboard and sack races. It is called "knocking the monument," and the fun comes in thinking up jocular ways to describe the proposed design for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

All that is needed to participate is to know that the design envisions an abstract arrangement of towering concrete slabs.

What I regard as the sport's finest hour came this week when the House of Representatives voted to send the design back to the memorial commission for revision.

Preparatory to the engagement, some of the congressmen took batting practice on a bill to authorize \$10 million for construction of a national aquarium in the capital.

Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa), described the projected aquarium as a "platinum-lined fish bowl," a "gilt-edged fish bowl," a "glorified bath tub for fish."

He suggested that rather than blow \$10 million on a piscatorial container, House

members should stock their new swimming pool with creatures of the deep.

The House passed the aquarium bill anyway, but it got everyone warmed up for monument knocking when the time came to consider the FDR Memorial design.

"It is like a modern feeding lot with windbreaks on all sides," commented Rep. Neal Smith, (D-Iowa). "Over-sized bookends," said Rep. Paul F. Schenk (R-Ohio). "An ant's eye view of a

cemetery," contributed Rep. Harold M. Ryan (D-Mich), who also likened it to a "handball court." And so it went.

One proposed solution is to convert the site reserved for the monument into a "living" memorial, such as a formal garden or a tourist center.

Or, adopting Gross' plan, they could put fish in the new congressional swimming pool and call it "The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Aquarium."

'Pressure' Seen in Stockpile Contract

Washington — (UPI) — A government accountant agreed Thursday that the "abrupt" signing of nickel stockpile contracts with George M. Humphrey's mining companies justified an inference that "extreme pressure" was applied to government negotiators.

But the accountant, Louis Brooks, said he knew of no such pressure or other irregularity in negotiations for contracts with the former treasury secretary's Hanna Mining Co.

Brooks, a deputy director in the General Services Administration, said at the opening of a new round of Senate hearings that he hesitated to characterize as improper the absence of right-to-audit clauses in the contracts.

Dennis the Menace



The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mrs. K. F. — Suddenly he wants to try a solo vacation in Lakewood.

Mr. K. F. — Others do it. I'd like to experiment, just once.

Mrs. K. F. — We're married 37 years and whenever we went anywhere it was always together. Now my husband comes up with the bright idea of trying out a week in Lakewood alone. He says he just wants to see how it feels.

Ordinarily I'd keep quiet about this and tell him to do what he wants. I'd be sure he'd miss me after the first two days. But there's a new arrival in our apartment house, a bleached-blond widow, and my husband has been walking her to the subway in the morning, and carrying her groceries in the evening. I have an uneasy feeling that she's planning a week in Lakewood, too. If she is, then my place would be right along at my husband's side, as in the past 37 years.

His sudden insistence on going alone this time makes me wonder what's up.

Mr. K. F. — This is a free country and I can't tell our lady neighbor when and where to spend her free time. If she should wind up in Lakewood at the same time I'm there, I can't help it. Bertha should accept it as a coincidence.

From my point of view, my idea of going alone is to find out just how dependent I am on Bertha, and whether I can pack, unpack, eat right, make friends and find things to do, on my own. I've seen other happily married men spend a week at a resort alone, while their wives were elsewhere — on long trips to Europe or visiting relatives. After all these years of leaning on Bertha, I'm curious to see whether I can navigate alone.

Her suspicions are ridiculous. I love Bertha dearly, and she knows it.

The Council — Since it's a free country for this free-wheeling widow, it's a free country for Mr. F., too. Free enough for him to quietly

change his plans and either go to Lakewood before or after the lady, or vacation somewhere else. It's asking a lot of a wife of 37 years, not only to stay home but to be equanimous about a husband alone at a resort at which an attractive lady-friend on the loose has checked in at the same time.

Separate vacations in the course of a long, solid marriage, are often a good idea. For some couples they constitute the pause that refreshes. A few days apart and they can see each other with new and eager eyes. Conversely, a marriage is in a bad way when one mate stays close to the other because of distrust. Sorry indeed is a vacation where Mrs. F. comes along, not because she likes the garden spot destination, not because of the swimming and the cuisine, but to keep an eye on Mr. F. The sine qua non of the separate vacation is, of course, complete faith in each other.

Here we have an instance of incomplete faith, possibly with good cause. And even if Mr. F. can allay his wife's misgivings as to his attitude toward the female neighbor living alone, he can't quiet her suspicions as to the latter's motives if she turns up at the same Lakewood hotel during the same week as Mr. F.

In the long run, Mr. F. will

be smart to keep his separate vacation truly separate. That means separate from the widow, too. There are plenty of alternate resorts, hundreds of them, where he can try his experiment on how it feels to be away on one's own. And he can keep his destination secret. Time enough to resume his escort service for the lady when they both return.

Her eligibility clouds the present plan with smoke. And you know, Mr. F., what they say about where there's smoke. It could be from dry ice instead of fire, but it's damaging.



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