



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

The Elk Lake Question

In the interests of those who enjoy the great outdoors we raise the following matter. Why is not Elk lake a place of use to the general public? We all know that Elk lake lies many miles from Mehama and high up in the mountains that shed water into Little North Santiam river or a stream better known as the "Little North Fork". Few people, however, have actually seen and enjoyed Elk lake's beauty and the pleasant hours it can make possible. One thing that stops most sportsmen is a gate across a trail leading to Elk lake. Maps show a well-marked road up to a point and from then on just a trail. Both the road and trail are on National Forest lands. Why is there a gate across the roadway? This gate does not have the earmarks of being a United States government gate.

We are reliably informed that private interests are currently doing development work on mines in the National Forest lands bordering the Forest Service trail we mention. Could it be that the gate referred to is their gate? If this be true—why is it allowed. If it is allowed. How come?

Often we have written of the truly fine recreational possibilities of the North Santiam Canyon. If our information is correct, little or nothing has been done towards developing the Little North Santiam and Elk Lake as recreational areas. The peculiar state of things regarding a gate across a Forest Service trail stands like a guard against the public exploring this Nature's wonderland.

In other areas of the state timber hungry interests have fostered so-called mining development work just so they could get the lush timber for a cheap price on the site of the mining claims. We are interested in knowing whether or not that such is going on right here on the Little North Santiam river and Elk Lake areas. If this is the state of affairs in the area referred to, we want the whole thing opened up for public inspection. If mining interests are actually doing assessment work with a view towards doing mining, that we want published also, because it would be good news to all.

Right now fishermen deserve a break. Elk Lake offers fine fishing prospects. Why are fishermen kept out; and who is doing the keeping out?

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Editorial Comments

'FUSTEST WITH THE MOSTEST'

The Navy's second supercarrier may never get off the drawing boards.

Are we right back where we were four years ago? Not quite. For then it was a bitter interservice struggle which denied the Navy any supercarrier at all. Now it is the House of Representatives which is saying, No more.

The motive can't be economy. The Navy has offered to slice the cost of the carrier out of its budget for other ships. Could it be that this many congressmen have missed the lessons of Korea? Are there that many who still think that a navy's sole function is to sink other navies and convoy soldiers?

Four years ago, in his classic report upon his retirement, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz wrote:

These operations (of the late Pacific war) demonstrate the capacity of naval carrier-based aviation to make use of the principles of mobility and concentration to a degree possessed by no other force.

The mobility of that concentration still rests upon fast carriers. The spearhead of that force now consists of jet bombers. Jet planes require longer runways—hence airfields are being enlarged; hence the need for big flush-deck carriers.

Those five words—mobility and concentration of force—embody the very fundamental of the military art. "I git thar fustest with the mostest," said General Forrest almost a century ago.

With no aspersions on the literacy of any members of Congress—if they phraseology of the air-age admiral, they can certainly grasp the home-spun Anglo-Saxon of the Confederate cavalry hero.

FOR FREE ENTERPRISE

The devotion of organized labor in the United States to the enterprise system was given remarkable illustration in the Union Industries Show of the American Federation of Labor held this year in Boston. The exhibition is termed by the AFL "the world's greatest labor-management show." Many unions put on exhibits showing skilled craftsmen at work, while employers contribute millions of dollars' worth of equipment. The show encourages better relations between unions and employers. They also tend to build better public understanding and good will for the labor movement.

"Not only does management need labor, but American labor knows that it needs management," Ray F. Leheny, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trade Department of the AFL and director of the show, comments. "It is to the advantage of labor to see that management continues our system of free enterprise and that labor unions help management under the capitalistic system that has made this the greatest industrial nation in the world."

There is much more cooperation between management and labor in the United States than is commonly realized. Despite exception, such as, for the moment, in steel, this teamwork is growing. The Union Industries Show, now completing their seventh year, give fresh evidence of the trend.

From its start many years ago the AFL had to fight off the efforts of socialists to commit American labor to government ownership and operation of industry. Trade-union leaders came out of that struggle with a better understanding of what produces the high living standards in the United States. The great majority of the American



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workers now know why and where they got their gains. They want to take no risks with socialism or communism. They emphatically favor the preservation of free enterprise.

IDEAS DO ACT

At times freedom may seem to fit Mark Twain's definition of weather as something everybody talks about but nobody does anything about. In this advanced age, however, neither observation is correct.

Recently an exasperated youth jumped up to denounce communism from the visitor's gallery during a meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. He charged that the commission merely talked—not acted—about liberty. After the incident he apologized, saying: "I just blew my top!"

Certainly most freedom-loving people, surveying the recent history and vast extent of Communist oppression, have wanted to "blow their top" at some time or another. But free men know that explosive outbursts against communism are less effective than a thorough understanding of the causes of tyranny and the safeguards of freedom.

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights is working for such an understanding. Through this commission nations of varied cultures and traditions have approached a measure of common agreement on the basic ingredients of free societies. No declaration of common ideals can "guarantee" freedom, but it can help to clear the eyes and nerve the wills of those who are fighting for a better world.

Fox Valley

Strawberry pickers and bean stringers have had enough moisture the past three days. Rain was really needed, but a sufficient downpour has the ground well soaked.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Nelson are in charge of the vacation Bible school that is in session at the Santiam chapel at the old school building in Lyons. The two weeks school closes this Friday June 13. A program will be given that evening at 7:30 p.m. in the school building demonstrating some of the work that has been featured during the time spent in the Bible school work with the children. Mrs. Young and Miss Pauline Schiewek have assisted as teachers.

Wednesday callers at Mrs. Ring's were Mrs. Geo. Huffman and Mrs. Royce.

Mrs. Lula Berringer of Mehama is visiting this week with Mrs. Ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston, and Kathryn Johnston, and her cousin, Clarence Humphreys of Myrtle Creek are gone on a two-week's trip and vacation that will take them as far east as Minnesota and Michigan. They left Tuesday morning and planned to drive to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they would visit friends before going on.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Good Neighbor Policy"

Remember one time when I told about the old loose-stone wall that separated Easy Roberts' property from Handy Peterson's?

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Now I hear where a fellow, who bought the old Johnson place, wants to buy all those stones. It seems he figures a stone wall is just what's needed on his property.

From where I sit, if that fellow wants to build himself a stone wall,

that's his business. But if it's not really serving any useful purpose he may sooner or later discover—just like Handy and Easy did—that he'd be just as well off without one. Even some old-fashioned walls of prejudice are disappearing—like those that would deny a person's right to a friendly glass of beer now and then. Most Americans are learning that "walls" can get in the way of the persons inside as well as the persons outside.

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