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

Pioneer Recreation

News that Mill City's Allen Field will again be the scene of a great softball tournament comes as no great surprise to us. Softball is a wonderful form of recreation. The very word recreation explains why we are not surprised. "Bill" Hutcheson had no small argument in his favor when asking softball-officialdom's okay on Mill City. Mill City is in the heart of the North Santiam, one of the future great playgrounds of Oregon.

The root word of recreation is "create". The clean and beautiful nature of the North Santiam canyon creates in its guests a sense of well-being. Its invigorating mountain air and its flashing streams stir even the dullest of spirits. Thousands will trek to this canyon for a bit of this marvel. Back they will go with it to their homes and their jobs, better because of it.

Detroit and Big Cliff dams stand as giant monuments to the fact that the remainder of the United States are aware that there is something big indeed in the North Santiam Canyon. One of the biggest things about it is the recreation that it will offer the people of Oregon and the nation. Softball on Allen Field is but a pioneer move in what one day will be a vast and awesome thing in the recreation field.

The upper North Santiam Canyon is a tiny part of a great national forest. Its outstanding beauty and the wonderful promise it holds for future generations instills us with humility. He who would parcel out and lay waste this our trust would take "create" out of recreation and limit softball to a game on a small, dusty plot of ground.

The people of the North Santiam Canyon are a sturdy people. They know the power of their region and have what it takes for the years ahead. Those who visited Mill City and the state softball tournament in 1952 found this out. Others will do the same this year.

IT'S TOUGH TO BE RICH DEPARTMENT

"Almost everybody in the country really wants pretty much the same thing, whether he's got 15 cents or \$10 million—although he's probably got more worries if he's got \$10 million." — Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey in a Saturday Evening Post interview, May 23, 1953.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Heard About the Electric Weather Predictor?

Squint Smith built up quite a reputation last month by predicting the weather. What he said usually came true.

It got so that folks would sit around his little Antique Shop just to get his opinion.

Last Monday, though, he said he didn't know what the weather was going to be like next day. That surprised us and when we asked what happened, Squint said, "Slipped up on my electric bill and was turned off. I'll get to my radio again tomorrow though." Squint had been getting

the weather over the radio—just like anyone else!

From where I sit, that's the way it goes with some "experts." They often don't have any more inside information than you can get for yourself. Like those who "know" cider is the only thirst-quencher after a day's work. Far as I'm concerned, I'll take a temperate glass of beer. But—I won't try to "predict" your choice for you.

Joe Marsh

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"JOE BEAVER"

By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture  
"You can sit and worry about H-Bombs, or you can get to work and help manage our timber resources for the country's future. Which seems more constructive?"

Editorial Comments

THREAT TO CONSERVATION

It is a tenable thesis that the New Deal and Fair Deal implanted, here and there, the idea that government control of natural resources is desirable for its own sake, not just a necessity under certain circumstances. It is possible that professional enthusiasm may have carried the Forest Service a bit too far in strict regulation of national forests.

But it is just as supportable an assumption that the laws and procedures which protect the nation's watersheds and reserves of standing timber grew out of hard experience. And it could be nationally disastrous if the thus-far healthy swing away from too much governmental supervision were permitted to move toward too little conservation.

That danger looms, however. And the immediate warning cloud is somewhat bigger than a man's hand. It comes in the form of the D'Ewart bill, a measure which would allow stockmen to convey permits to graze cattle and sheep on public lands to whomsoever they wish.

Supporters of the bill argue that this merely extends to the national forests the existing practices of the Bureau of Land Management, and that it relieves the permit holders of too much dependence upon the discretionary powers of officials.

Opponents argue that such a law could soon funnel the western cattle industry into the hands of a relatively few big operators. They declare it runs counter to the doctrine of "beneficial use" a very foundation stone of economic life in regions where grass and water are scarce—the doctrine that private citizens may make beneficial use of but not possess exclusive control of these vital resources.

This is not merely a range-country issue—although the west is deeply disturbed by it. For not only does the whole country have a stake in protection of its watersheds. It has a still larger stake in preservation of the ideal of conservation, initiated, incidentally, by a Republican President and pursued thus far by administrations of both parties.—From Christian Science Monitor.

PREDICTIONS OF THINGS TO COME?

Perhaps you seldom agreed with Drew Pearson, the ABC network news commentator. But there should be no disagreement that the circumstances surrounding the ban of Pearson from the airways should be looked into thoroughly.

Pearson himself doesn't know why he was fired from both the radio and TV networks. "I believe," he said, "that Vice President Richard M. Nixon is to blame, although I can't prove it." Pearson, who broke the Nixon fund scandal wide open during the last political campaign, says that Nixon vowed he'd "get even."

After he lost his recent sponsor, Pearson says he volunteered to continue the broadcast for nothing. But trying to find out why the network wanted him off the air was like "rapping into a blank wall. I never saw anything like it before."

While hardly qualifying as a consistently liberal commentator, Pearson was always a hard-hitting broadcaster and aired many facts and points

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Editor's Letter Box

Faith in Senator Morse

To the Editor: Would you please print this letter from a poor laborer with little education? I and millions of other laborers and farmers have a deep and unshakable faith in the honesty and integrity of Senator Morse. More power and boldness to him. He is our champion and spokesman, one of a small band of men with guts and backbone who fight for us; you and the ditch digger, truck driver, clerk, nurses, office workers, the peasants on the farm, etc. Who else can you name in Congress who gives two cents for us. We are the majority by far, but where is our representation in Congress? A few, a handful carrying on in the tradition of Honest Abe, a government by and for the people, and they are hounded and crucified on every hand for speaking out the whole truth for you and me. What mockery, what hypocrisy, is this the methods of democracy of an enlightened people? May God help this nation if we give heed to the ranting of McCarthy and ignore and belittle Senator Morse. America, how far you have fallen! Truth beaten to earth shall rise again. Only the whole truth will set us free.—R. Sandwick, 455 Lancaster, Salem. — Reprinted from the Statesman.

and Gen. Eisenhower after receiving promises from both gentlemen that civil service employees need not fear for their jobs if the Republicans were elected. But many have gotten the axe in the last three months. And all that poor Broyhill can do is to holler that it's a nasty Democratic scheme!

Thanks to Broyhill for a little comic relief during these tense and feverish days.—AFL News-Reporter.

WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES NOBODY KNOWS

The U. S. Senate recently voted, 45-30, against an investigation which would have shown exactly who was getting the major share of the consumer's dollar.

The farmer hasn't been getting it. Agricultural department studies show that the farmer received only 45 cents of the consumer dollar in 1952. In 1950 he got 50 cents. In 1945, it was 54 cents. The farmer's share of the consumer's dollar has been dropping steadily.

So, the purpose of this study was to show where the rest of the consumer's dollar was going and whether the wholesaler, the retailer or the food processor was getting more than his fair share.

The Federal Trade Commission, which was to have made the survey, described it as "one of the most significant fact-finding programs ever undertaken by the Federal government."

But it won't be undertaken. The Senate has voted against investigating the facts on food profiteering.

Your dollar will continue to go out. But where it goes, nobody knows. And the Senate is determined that nobody

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is going to find out, either.—From the Oregon Teamster.

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