

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Mental Acrobats Playing With Environmental Bills
In an undertaking so dependent upon mental gymnastics as the legislative process, it seems only natural that speculative thought-type games would evolve.

It's a little like playing "supposies." And members of the 56th Legislative Assembly, lobbyists and seasoned Salem-watchers are no exception.

With more than 100 "environmental enhancement" bills facing lawmakers this session, one such game consists of drawing mental images of a future Oregon—based on the premise all proposals pass that would protect the ecology.

One version involves conversation between two strangers meeting for the first time in downtown Portland. One, an obvious newcomer, arrives on foot carrying a pack on his back. The other is neatly attired in a forest-green uniform, replete with campaign cap from which glistens a metal insignia bearing intertwined letters, D.E.Q.

The newcomer speaks first: "Howdy," in a tone befitting a first encounter with one obviously in position of power.

"Howdy, and welcome to Oregon," responds the man in green. "May I see your papers, please?"

"Oh, sure, sure," replies the newcomer—slipping off his pack and rummaging through its contents.

"You a pilgrim?" queries the man in green.

"Well, you might say that, yes, I'm from California," handing over a packet of official-looking forms.

"Are you rich?" asks the one in uniform, scanning the papers.

"Yes, I suppose I'd have to say I'm rich. At least I was in California."

"Bring your money with you?"

"Yes, I did," says the newcomer receiving his papers from the man in green. "But it won't last forever and I may have to find work if I decide to stay."

"What kind of work do you do?" asks the man in green, hands clasped behind his back, feet planted firmly apart.

"Well, when I was a kid I did a little of everything—on my way to the top, that is. I delivered newspapers."

"No newspaper jobs open here," declares the man in green. "We shut down the paper mills some time ago because they were polluting our streams. Passed some tough laws and the mill owners got their backs up and pulled out. Sour grapes. Something about not being able to make a profit."

"One time I worked in a restaurant washing dishes—"

"Can't wash dishes here for a living 'cause we outlawed detergents and we taxed shipping containers so heavily the soap makers followed the paper makers right out of the state."

"I suspected something like that," says the newcomer, moving upwind from the man in green. "I drove a taxi once—"

"No motor vehicles allowed in urban areas," declares the man in green with an all-encompassing sweep of both arms.

"Well, I made my money in California as a real estate developer and homebuilder—"

"You'll find awfully slim pickin's here," snorts the man in green. "We haven't built a new home in Oregon for some time now. See, you can't cut trees. Well, that's not exactly true. You can whittle on pieces of wood already on the ground. But you can't cut down trees near any natural watercourse and we've got more watercourses here than you'd imagine."

"How come there's so few trees?" asks the newcomer.

"Oh, well. The forest canopy blew down or burned up when those spool-sport timber operators moved out of the state."

"I see," responds the newcomer. "What do you do for a living?"

"I'm with DEQ—Department of Environmental Quality, biggest employer in the state. And we don't have any openings!"

"Well, what do you suggest I try my hand at?" queries the newcomer.

"Mister, your best bet is to just spend your California money here and enjoy yourself. Get a load of that blue sky, smell that fresh air. Look at that green grass growing in the cracks in the street."

"There just aren't any job openings here anymore. No unemployment to speak of either. People can't find work—they move away. We've had a real successful Ore-De-Pop here, that's depopulation, ya know."

"If you try to start a new

business, you've got hearings to go through for a pollution permit. And every move you make has to be studied closely for environmental impact. And if you goof—boy, might as well throw it in.

"This is a clean state, see. We don't even let the SST land here!"

"Mister? Hey, Mister. Hey, you come back here. Come back with your California money. Quit running. Stop that, you'll disturb the environment. Boy, if I catch you, you're gonna get it..."

Johnsons Return from Long Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson have returned home after an extended visit in the south and return trip with their son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Donald Huckeyby.

The Johnsons left Oregon on March 3 for a fast trip across the U. S. by jet. They left snow in Oregon, and arrived in Alabama not to find warm sun, but below freezing temperatures. However, after a few days the weather cleared and the foursome traveled to the beautiful Florida Gulf beaches for a day of fishing. It was a very successful fishing trip, ask Nelda. After a few hours drive back to Ft. Rucker, Ala., for a few days rest and final packing for the long journey home. Early March 10 the four left for home. The first day took them along the gulf coast through Mobile, Ala., and on to New Orleans. They spent two nights in the French Quarter. Mrs. Johnson says everyone should go to the Quarter at least once. They then traveled north in Arkansas for four days with Capt. Huckeyby's parents and other relatives.

From there it was to the State of Texas and a night in Ft. Worth. The following day was a long drive across west Texas, which most was through a dust storm. Late that day they arrived at Carlsbad Cavern and spent the night. The following day found them touring the Caverns and later traveling to Santa Fe.

The next day it was extremely cold, so it was a brief tour of the historical city and on to the Petrified Forest of Arizona and that night in Show Low. From Show Low they traveled through Phoenix and on to the home of Lt. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson, their son, in San Diego. After visiting there for three days they traveled north with a brief stop with Mr. and Mrs. Val White, formerly of Mill City, and then on to San Francisco. They spent two days there with friends of the Huckeybys and toured the town.

Departing San Francisco found them very tired of traveling and a desire to hurry on home. Once at home the Huckeybys could only say it certainly was nice to be back at home in the beautiful State of Oregon.

The most outstanding quote from the trip would be Mrs. Johnson saying "Everyone should do it at least once."

Later this month Capt. Huckeyby will leave for a second tour in Vietnam where he will fly the large CH47, Chinook Helicopter for the U. S. Army.

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Pumpkin Custard
Friday, April 16—
Tacos
Lettuce and Cheese
Apricots
Prune Cake
Milk

BOWLING

Name of Team	W	L
LaFemme Beauty Sln	35	17
Stayton Radio & TV	30	22
Silver Dollar Tavern	27 1/2	24 1/2
Riverview	27	25
Stayton Mail	26	26
Tes Monique Les Coif.	24	28
Cardam Lounge	20 1/2	31 1/2
Stout Creek Lumber	18	34
HIG Helen Fery 209, HIS Luella Flande 548; HTG Silver Dollar Tavern 765, HTS Tes Monique Les Coiffures 2132.		
Unusual Splits Made: Fran Shaffer 4-7-10, ice cream split from Girods; Lois Fitzgerald 2-7, Ruth Schroeder 5-7, Edith Daves 5-10, Pearl Choate 3-10.		

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Retirement Party Honors Park Man

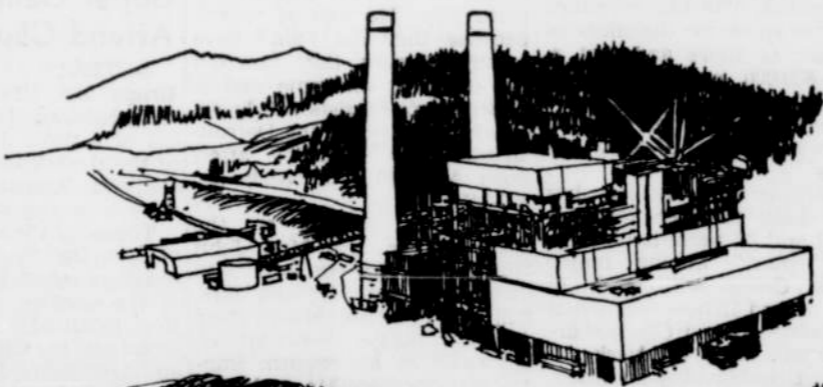
DETROIT — A state-wide potluck retirement dinner and party, honoring Ray Bates of Mill City was held recently at Silver Falls State Park lodge.

Mr. Bates, a park ranger at Detroit Lake State Park, plans to retire the end of this month following 10 years of service at the park.

State Park personnel attending from here with their wives and families were Park Superintendent Donald Pizer and wife Marty and daughters, Donna and Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strode, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roush and granddaughter, Carla, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul VanFleet, State Park Aide Sue Howry and friend, Jimmy Hiebert, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan, Mill City, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller, Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates have purchased a travel trailer and plan to travel, camping whenever possible at State Parks.

Here's how we plan to keep the Hanaford valley green



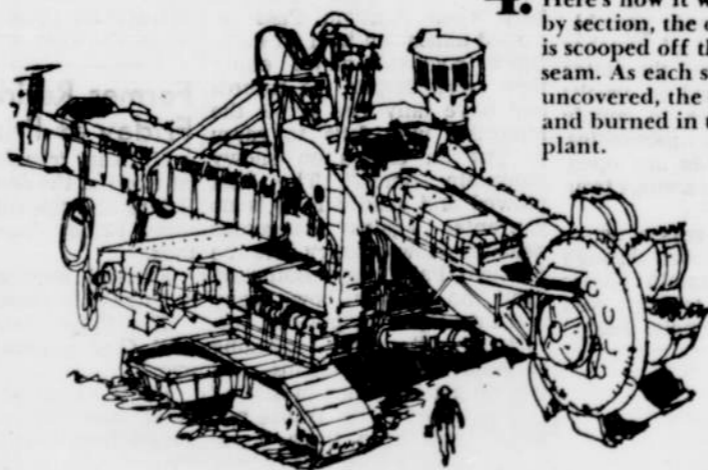
1. In September, this huge power plant in the Hanaford valley near Centralia, Washington, will begin generating much-needed electricity for our region. It will burn extremely low-sulphur coal from a nearby deposit.



2. Long before actual coal operations began, agricultural experts were at work on plans for restoring the land once it had given up its coal.



3. Studies of many kinds and hundreds of plantings were made on test plots. From them, these scientists developed long range land restoration plans. The program somewhat resembles tree farming, because it makes use of natural growth cycles.



4. Here's how it works. Section by section, the overlying earth is scooped off the thick coal seam. As each section is uncovered, the coal is dug out and burned in the power plant.



5. After all the coal has been taken out of a given area, the exhausted mine pit will be refilled with dirt. Ashes from the plant will help fill certain pits, and suggestions also have been made to use them for disposal of refuse from the area.



6. After an area has been covered over again, it will be contoured and planted to suitable trees and grasses to make it once more harmonize with its surroundings.



And that's the plan. A long dormant and little known coal deposit—one of the very few in the region—will be put to good public use producing electricity. And with this kind of forethought and care, the one-time coal land once again will welcome wildlife and blend into its surroundings. After all, the electricity you use in your home is 100% clean. And we want to make sure the plants which produce that electricity are good neighbors, too.

Pacific Power

Where they make the electricity that makes things nicer for everybody.

School Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 8—

Hamburger gravy
Whipped potatoes
Carrots
Hot rolls
Pineapple
Oatmeal cookie
Milk

Friday, April 9—

Fish Krisps
Green beans
Orange juice
Bread and butter
Cinnamon twists
Milk

Monday, April 12—

B. Q. Hamburgers
Potato Chips
Corn
Purple Plums
Mountainbar Cookie

Tuesday, April 13—

Chili Beans
Buttered Toast
Lettuce Salad
Applesauce and Buttersauce
Milk

Wednesday, April 14—

Beef Stew
Bread and Butter
Cabbage Slaw
Oatmeal Cake and Coconut
Topping
Milk

Thursday, April 15—

Turkey Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Peas
Dressing
Cranberry Sauce