

California State Chamber To Study Problem Of Game Vs. Power And Irrigation

The perennial controversy as to the importance of salmon, steelhead, ducks and geese in relation to more flood control and diverted acre-feet of water for irrigation is to receive a factual study by the California state chamber of commerce special subcommittee on water requirements of fish and wildlife below dams, Carl F. Wentz, chairman of the state chamber's committee on utilization and control of water resources, announced today.

"The issue of fish and game against dam construction and water for irrigation grows more acute each year as irrigation, power or flood control projects are planned or constructed," Wentz declared. "While a number of people sincerely interested in preservation of fish runs oppose construction of some of these dams at any time, most Californians believe that the dams must be built sooner or later, and favor some practical method to preserve spawning runs of fish to as great an extent as possible. Through factual study, our subcommittee seeks a practical answer toward solution of this continuous controversy."

Study by the special subcommittee and the state chamber's research department will include effect on the Pacific duck flyway through drying up of 150,000 acres of grasslands between Mendota and Los Banos, used annually as a feed-

ing and resting area by thousands of migratory waterfowl. Spawning runs of salmon, steelhead and shad in the streams entering the Pacific ocean, and effects of dam building will be studied from many viewpoints.

Water requirement studies of fish and wildlife will include:

1. Review of existing and proposed stream structures, and probable effect on fish and wildlife.
2. Economic value of fish and wildlife—both sports and commercial—affected by such structures, and relative values of fish and migratory wild fowl against irrigation, power generation and flood control.

Spud Field Day Slated

A potato field day will be held at the Oregon agricultural experiment station at Corvallis on Thursday, June 26, it has been announced by H. E. Fennell, extension seed certification specialist.

Potato growers from throughout Oregon are invited to attend. The session will start at 9:30 in the morning in room 208 of the Memorial Union building on the Oregon State college campus. The program for this morning session includes discussion on potato diseases and certification led by Dr. J. A. Milbrath and Harley English, plant pathologists of the experiment station.

The afternoon session will be devoted entirely to study of the potato disease work on the college farm. A number of eye index plots will be examined and some of the research work of Milbrath and English observed.

Crickets Have Huge Appetite

Steaks would be scarcer than they were under wartime point rationing if a steer had an appetite that compared with that of a grasshopper or a Mormon cricket and did not make more efficient use of his feed. This is evident from recent studies by U. S. department of agriculture entomologists working to control the ravages of these insects, so that forage will be preserved for the steers. A beef animal on good range will eat his own weight in grass in seven or eight days. These insects consume green forage roughly eight times as fast in proportion to their weight. An adult grasshopper will eat its own weight in about 16 hours and a Mormon cricket in about 18, calculates J. R. Parker, U. S. department of agriculture entomologist at Bozeman, Montana. If human appetite was on the same scale, the worldwide food shortage would be far more acute, with a 150-pound person devouring 150 pounds of food daily.

"A migratory appetite" is the impression the Mormon cricket leaves with Western farmers and ranchers who have had experience with the pest. This cricket does not fly—as do some of the equally active feeders among the grasshoppers—but it gets around by hopping and crawling. A cricket invasion can cause havoc to wheat, alfalfa, sugar beets, and garden crops, and is able to practically strip range lands of grasses and weeds forage so that cattle and sheep may go hungry. It is on this account that ranchers favor cricket control by spreading poison bait in the path of migrating cricket bands.

Assessment Roll Short

SALEM, June 26 (AP)—Seven counties, all in Western Oregon, have not yet filed summaries of their assessment rolls, although the state board of equalization must conclude its review of the rolls by July 11, the state tax commission said today.

The counties are Columbia, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Marion, Polk and Tillamook.

Based on returns from 29 counties, assessment increases this year will be the largest in history. Increases in those counties average 15 per cent, or more than \$116,000,000.

The total assessed valuation last year was \$1,120,333,719. The 1947 total is expected to exceed the record high mark of \$1,125,169,592 established in 1930. The lowest mark since the record was \$892,907,997 in 1936.

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Farm Labor History Out

"Fighters on the Farm Front" is the name of a new illustrated report issued by the OSC extension service giving the story of the Oregon emergency farm labor program from 1943 through 1946. It is extension circular 592.

The report is in the form of a story of the experience of "Bill Jones" with the farm labor shortage and includes many facts and figures on the operation of a service previously foreign to extension activities.

For the four seasons a total of 750,951 farm labor placements were made, of which 412,409 were men, 108,292 were women and 233,250 were children. Youth platoons, which had their origin in Oregon, provided from 124 to 185 such organized groups to growers. Supreme efforts of farmers themselves supplemented by the farm labor service resulted in four harvests without major crop loss from labor shortage, the report showed.

TOP OF LIST
Paul Winter, Klamath Falls man, is listed as No. 6 on volume of paid business among all the New York Life Insurance company's agents in the United States and Canada, for May, 1947.

Winter has received a letter of

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Communists Seize Key China Line

NANKING, June 26 (AP)—Chinese communists have seized virtually all of the key Manchurian rail town of Szeepingkai and are within 18 miles of the big Fushun coal mines east of Mukden, press dispatches said Wednesday.

Szeepingkai's garrison was reported holding to a single strong-point in the Japanese-built west-city section of the town.

Government Information Director Huatington Tong said that nationalist reinforcements were nearing the rail junction—under communist attack since June 12—and that the garrison would be rescued in the "near future."

"The communist assault of Szeepingkai, Tong contended, was a 'costly military failure,' with total casualties of nearly 30,000—which would be half the total red army forces reported in the battle. Other sources, however, considered the estimate of casualties as greatly exaggerated.

Nationalists were reported to have recaptured Chongtshien, 30 miles southwest of Szeepingkai, and the old walled city of Kaiyuanhsien (Kaiyuancheng) about 42 miles southwest of Szeepingkai.

High Kuomintang officials in Peiping said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was due there for a war council with his military commanders, who have been unable to halt the communist offensive in Manchuria and North China.

Li. Gen. Hou Hwei-hsia, intelligence officer in the ministry of national defense, estimated the strength of Chinese communist troops throughout China at 800,000.

Spraying Proves Big Business

Spraying with 2, 4-D and other weed killers is creating a new field for "service" business in rural communities, says the extension service.

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of the U. S. department of agriculture. A good many veterans have found opportunity in the field of custom spraying with efficient power-driven equipment. For example, the Wisconsin extension service reports that "sixteen commercial weed sprayers will be used in Jefferson county this spring and summer. Some farmers are also building additional sprayers."

Another active field for spray outfits is in DDT spraying for fly and mosquito control.

New Aerial Charts Ready

New editions are ready of sectional aeronautical charts of Portland, LaGrande and Klamath Falls and are available at the U. S. coast and geodetic survey office, 502 Panama building, Portland, the department of commerce announced today.

These charts are the only officially recognized air maps used by pilots throughout the United States. They show land contours in colors, landing fields, roads, rivers and other details visible from the air.

For safer flying, Lt. Comdr. R. A. Earle, supervisor of the Midwestern district, advised pilots should replace their obsolete charts with the new editions.

Hager

Sympathy of the community is extended to the relatives of L. O. Mills, who passed away Saturday. Mr. Mills was a former farmer of the Pine Grove district.

Cleo and Lois Burgess are now employed at the firecracker stand on S. 6th.

Mr. Megino is back at his sister's home here.

Mrs. Mae Anderson went to Marshlake Friday for the annual meeting of Ye Olde Schoolmates, which was held at the home of one of the members there.

Mrs. Townsend visited her granddaughter and family a few days last week. They are the James Crawfords.

Chinese Loan Delay Seen

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—Secretary Marshall said Wednesday he doubts the state department will act on a loan to China before Monday's expiration of an existing deadline.

The deadline was set last year by President Truman on release of a \$500,000,000 loan earmarked for China by the export-import bank.

Marshall said in response to questions at a news conference that the national advisory council of cabinet members and other top officials will have to take some formal new action to extend the deadline.

He said the state department is giving daily study to the question of granting aid to bolster China's economy, but declined to say now whether a decision has been reached.

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