

OSC Prexy Airs Firm Stand On College Athletics; Says His School's Record Fair

By WALLACE MYERS
Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State College president, says "a little housecleaning" is in order for collegiate sports and he thinks a recent pact agreed to by Pacific Coast Conference college presidents will do the trick.

Addressing an OSC alumni group here Thursday evening, the OSC prexy struck strongly against "under the table" player deals and said collegiate athletics were losing public support as they lowered their respectability.

Under the new PCC president's policy, Strand explained, each president is to be held personally responsible and answerable for "improper practices" within his own school.

Oregon State, claimed Strand, "has a fairly good record . . . but we've done a few foolish things."

He told of a Southern California basketball player who "cost us about \$2,000 . . . and wasn't worth shuttling to us."

Bob Knoll, OSC alumni secretary, later said the \$2,000 beauty had forsaken OSC for another Northwest college and has averaged 26 points per game this season.

Dr. Strand, repeatedly stressing the need for a collegiate sports cleanup, said some PCC schools might draw suspensions.

"There'll be some thinking done here," he added.

OSC Line Coach Len Younce, who accompanied the OSC party here, offered a hopeful but not too

Meeting—The Rotana Club will meet Jan. 22 at the home of Lois Brownfield, 5847 8th St.

In Navy — Albert P. Thexton, fireman, USN is serving aboard the destroyer USS Lyman K. Swenson in the Far East. The Swenson was recently awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for its part in the Inchon landings. Thexton's home here is at Rt. 1, Box 9258.

The Klamath Art — Association will have its regular monthly meeting next Monday, January 21, at 8 p.m. in the Latter Day Saints Church at Home and Garden. There will be a discussion of some very important business to be followed by a very interesting program on art appreciation presented over by Richard Reinholdt. This is one of a series of illustrated programs which is being given by the Art Association as a public service. It can be enjoyed and easily understood by both the artist and non-artist. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Potluck—The Lost River Garden club, Merrill, plans a potluck luncheon Jan. 22 at the home of Mrs. Dale West. Slides of wild flowers will be shown by Harold Ashley, clerk Klamath Falls school board.

Card Party—A public pinocchle party is planned for January 23, in the recreation hall, Merrill. Sponsor is Merrill grange 717. Another will go toward purchase of a piano to be used in the hall. Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

Back Again—Jack F. Fairchild, machine repairman, second class, USN, husband of Mrs. J. F. Fairchild, 1637 Halsey St., arrived recently aboard the amphibious force landing craft tender USS Satyr after 11 months in the Far East. The ship has operated at Pusan, Suayong in Korea and Sasebo, Japan.

Home From Hospital — Dick Clark is recovering at home from a broken leg after being released from Klamath Valley Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, 2021 Lavey St.

Happy Hour Club — Meeting planned Tuesday, 1:30 for a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ann Bean.

To San Diego — Stephen Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Stone, 635 N. 8th St., has returned to duty with the U.S. Navy after a two-week leave visiting his parents here and friends and relatives in Portland.

RNA — Friendship Camp No. 9998 has scheduled a meeting of all present officers, officers elect, appointive officers and escort teams for installation Sunday, 2 p.m., in the Moose Hall.

Don't Forget — the spectacular vaudeville, 5 colossal acts, not from Broadway, not from Hollywood but from Klamath Falls. Magic, dancing, songs, music at the dinner meeting of the Businessmen's Club, Monday, 6:30 p.m., Willard Hotel.

Pelton Dam Fish Issue Talk Slated

PORTLAND (AP) — Two members of the Oregon Committee of Industrial Development should withdraw while that group makes a study of the Pelton Dam controversy, opponents said here Friday.

The group, the Save the Deschutes Committee, listed the pair as Sid Woodbury and Glenn Jackson. Woodbury is a director of the Portland General Electric Company and Jackson is president of the California Oregon Power Company, the group said.

Gov. McKay asked the Committee of Industrial Development to study the controversy after the Defense Production Administration certified the proposed power dam on the Deschutes River in Central Oregon as necessary to the defense effort.

The State Hydro-Electric Commission has refused to license the dam. Fish interests say that if the dam is built, Lower Columbia River salmon runs would be reduced. The PGE and the Federal Power Commission, which licensed the dam, said that isn't so.

Meeting here Friday, the Save the Deschutes Committee changed its name from the Citizens Committee to Stop Pelton Dam, and elected officers.

Rollin Bowles, president of a Portland chapter of the Izaak Walton League, was named chairman. Serving with him will be Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange, and Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, vice-chairman; George Brown, secretary of the state CIO; secretary; and W. J. Smith, director of the National Wildlife Federation, treasurer.

The group said PGE was wrong when it said there were no salmon in the Deschutes. Significant numbers of Chinook spawned countless numbers of eggs above the proposed dam site last spring, the group said.

They added that power production of the proposed Pelton Dam would amount to only eight-tenths of one per cent of the anticipated Northwest Power Pool by 1954-55, when the dam might be completed.

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A flow of one cubic foot of water per second (one second foot) would cover about two acres a foot deep in 24 hours. A flow of 2500 second feet, the amount named in the Copco application, would cover 4500 acres a foot deep (4500 acre feet) in 24 hours; it would amount to 1,806,750 acre feet in a year, Rueck explained.

Reclamation bureau figures on inflow of water in the Klamath Basin annually showed a low of 683,000 acre feet in the stream year 1930-31, and a high of 2,024,000 in 1942-43. The 20-year average is 1,181,000 acre feet annually, he said.

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Civil Service Mum On Pay Boosts

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Merrill Hi News

By EDNA MAE REEVES and YVONNE CONNER
Our project this semester is raising money for new band instruments. We have Bingo games every other Tuesday night. The firestone was held Tuesday evening and was sponsored by the seniors. The next will be held on January 29, sponsored by the juniors.

We beat Dorris Saturday night 41 to 33. Keep up the good work boys, we're behind you 100 per cent. They beat our "B" team 59 to 25. The game scheduled for last Friday evening was postponed until a later date because of the snowstorm.

William Wallace, a mental wizard, entertained us Tuesday, appearing on the National School Assembly program. All the students wish they had had his ability to remember things last week when we had semester exams.

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These figures would indicate that there is not enough water for the power project. Furthermore, Rueck said, if we did admit that there were that much waste water after irrigation, some of the Californians immediately would want to get their hands on it.

In response to a question, Rueck said that the present type of crops being raised in the Basin require more water than those grown when the irrigation project was started, and that a second foot flow of water will irrigate only 60 to 80 acres in many cases.

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