

ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

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The water policy statement of the committee of the Western Division of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, which was started in our last column, is continued here:

11. Every use of water contributing to the public weal must have equal rights for making claim to its proper allocation of water; no one can be given such overriding monopoly that other good uses may not have just consideration in water use planning and management.

12. The assignment of use rights or privileges in water must be made on the basis of returning to the citizenry the greatest productivity in management of the resource. At some point any good use may procure for the public a greater return in values than the same amount of water demanded by other uses of high importance. To secure the fullest return from water wealth, there must be a balanced, all-use plan of utilization, so that the aggregate shall be the utmost in values derivable from the resource.

13. A "fixed" or "frozen" scale of priorities in water use does not permit the necessary flexibility of adjustment to needs and demands on the resource. It is recognized that domestic uses in their support

of daily living assume a natural priority. The production of food and fiber is hardly less secondary than domestic use. However, such values as power production and many phases of recreational enjoyment may be derived from water, higher up in the line of transit, without depreciating either domestic or food production uses of water further down this line. The priority scale should not be so frozen as to prevent these coordinate, non-damaging uses of water prior to domestic or agricultural utilization.

14. The watershed of any stream, large or small, is the primary area in which water management and control must be applied. The natural facilities for storage of water in ground reserves, the prevention of floods as against letting them form and then trying to control them, the maintenance of many uniform stream flow and many coordinate benefits lie in managing the soil-water complex throughout the entire drainage basin of a stream. Action, effort, funds should be allocated to this fundamental mechanism of water management that lies in the stream's watershed as the most fundamental step and the watershed management of constructional, mechanical water-management features lower down on the line of transit.

15. A flood is the most dynamic demonstration of lack of water management. Beyond all damage done by water out of control is the loss of the resource from the upper basin areas without its serving primary uses and producing values by being held within the area where it arrives on the land mass.

16. It follows that a policy of sound water management will drive first at preventing floods through increasing water retention on and in the land as close as possible to where precipitation reaches the land mass.

17. The big dam has a place in water management and utilization but it is secondary to more fundamental water conservation measures that exist potentially in what is generally termed "soil conservation."

18. Gigantic dams, big dikes, channel dredging and similar constructional activities generally considered as "flood control" are directed toward treating a condition that results from a cause without much effect in curing the cause of floods. The cause of floods lies in the inability of collecting basins to absorb a large part of heavy, periodic precipitations, to delay runoff so flood crests will not form. Policy and action which follows a thesis that floods shall be allowed to build to their higher destructive volumes in main stream channels and then be "controlled" but it is secondary to more fundamental water conservation measures that exist potentially in what is generally termed "soil conservation."

19. Irrigation in itself is a good use of water; irrigation schemes that involve gigantic engineering and constructional features, require expenditure of fantastic funds, and can be justified only by inflated claims of benefits and rely on other elements in the schemes for "justification" are questionable. At most, and without regard to cost, no more than 16 million more acres of arid land in the West can be added to irrigated crop production. The cost per acre irrigated is fantastic in many projects currently proposed. The claim that these additional acres must be put under irrigation to meet future demands for farm products, regardless of cost and actual big subsidies, is spurious. The chance of adequately supplying the nation's needs in food and fiber lies in increasing the productivity of the 510 million acres of existing cropland, and rehabilitation of the 100 million acres on which productivity has been damaged or lost.



OREGON BEAUTICIANS ASSOCIATION re-elected Steve Peters of Klamath Falls as second vice-president at the state convention held July 12-13 at Roseburg. He is shown finishing the hairstyle of Sharon Rutter, Grants Pass model. Melba Spiering and Isla Pratt also attended as delegates from Klamath Falls. Faye Endicott, beautician from Roseburg, and Marjorie Miles, Roseburg model, were chosen to represent Oregon at the national convention's "Parade of States," at Miami, October 25-27.

Malin Women Have Big Job Feeding Scouts

MALIN—The tremendous job of feeding around six hundred Boy Scouts went over "without a hitch" Saturday, so say the ladies of the Eastern Star at Malin, who served it.

The trainload of boys and leaders, all from New Jersey, arrived a little after 2 p.m. Half of the group ascended upon the town in bathing trunks, shoes, socks and hats and marched from the Great Northern depot to the Malin Community Swimming Pool, to the accompaniment of songs and chants for a swim. Others who had already had their swim at Bend took advantage of the shady school grounds and park lawns to rest from the 92-degree heat.

The townspeople came to greet the strangers from New Jersey, offering them rides to see the town or enjoy a swim at the pool. Others just came to get acquainted and visit.

At 5 o'clock the first Boy Scout filed into the Malin Grade School Cafeteria for his evening meal and 60 minutes and 500 Scouts later, it was all over. They all went away with satisfied expressions.

When the train pulled away from the station at 7 p.m. most of Malin was there to wave goodbye.

Two Malin Groups Meet

MALIN—Home Extension County Committee and Alumni Committee members met at the Malin Park for a potluck lunch and meeting Monday.

It was decided to organize an alumni group of County Committee members. The details of this organization were left to a committee of three including Mrs. Percy Cook, Mrs. Fred Fletcher and Mrs. Ida Grimes.

The members attending voted to help in raising additional funds which will be needed for Azalea House, a cooperative living organization for girls at Oregon State College.

Attending the meeting and potluck were Mrs. Ida Grimes, Mrs. Percy Cook, Mrs. Lee Holliday, Mrs. Fred Fletcher, Mrs. Hal Ogle, Mrs. Jesse Drew, Mrs. Rex High, Mrs. Frank Payor, Mrs. Mark Taylor, Mrs. H. V. Borton, Mrs. A. G. Scott, Mrs. Claude Williams, Mrs. Lynn Hayes, Mrs. Harvey Denham, Mrs. William Drew, Mrs. Emmett Lahoda, Mrs. O. L. Brown, Mrs. Jesse Angel, Hope Holbrook, Dolores Bracken and Mrs. Olive McPherson.

Woman Magistrate Defines Cops' Job

BALTIMORE (AP)—A woman magistrate yesterday had some sharp words for a police inspector who proposed restrictions on night cab driving by women on the heels of a rape attempt on one of them.

"Which hours she will or will not work is the free choice of the woman citizen," said Housing Court Magistrate Elizabeth Brown. And, she added, "It is the duty of the police department to protect all citizens in their lawful pursuits."

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Ike Messages Boy Scouts To Promote Conservation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—President Eisenhower Thursday called upon the Boy Scouts of America to promote conservation as their "good turn in 1954."

A message from the President read at the opening session of the national Boy Scout Council here Thursday said:

"The wise and judicious use of our natural resources is of paramount concern to all Americans. The Boy Scouts of America, as heirs to the future, have much to lose or gain in the years ahead, depending on how those natural resources are managed today."

"As a member of your national executive board and as honorary president of the Boy Scouts, I am familiar with your three year program, under the slogan 'Forward on Liberty's Team.' In the final year of this program I believe that it would be particularly fitting if the Boy Scouts would undertake, by concerted action to arouse recognition of the need for adequate protection and wise management of our soil, water, mineral, forest, grassland and wildlife resources."

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, chief Scout executive, said he replied to the President that "we enthusiastically accept the challenge of your letter."

The Scouts had a record active membership of 3,183,266 boys and adult leaders and 85,432 Cub packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer units at the close of 1952, the Scout executive reported to Congress.

Fingerprinting of Part-Time Pastor Turns up Past

BALTIMORE (AP)—For 10 years 49-year-old William Ealy had lived quietly in Baltimore, acquiring property and attending a church where he acted as part time lay minister.

Recently he applied for a job with the United States Public Health Service hospital here and was fingerprinted as a matter of course.

Yesterday, Ealy was held in \$2,000 bail for an extradition hearing on charges that he escaped from a North Carolina road gang 18 years ago.

Truck Of Peaches Headed For Alaska

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (AP)—A truckload of Spartanburg County peaches is on the way to Alaska.

C. H. Johnson of Achorage, Alaska, bought 155 1/2 bushel baskets of Burnett Elbertas for the 6,000 mile haul, longest in the history of the South Carolina commercial peach industry.

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Envoy Reports To US Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP)—Walter S. Robertson, assistant secretary of state who persuaded Syngman Rhee to collaborate with a proposed Korean armistice, reports to the nation tonight on his mission.

Robertson met separately yesterday with the Senate and House Foreign Policy Committees, and reportedly told them of his agreement with South Korean President Rhee that "everything is in black and white."

That was the word given newsmen by chairman Chipfield (R-M)

Drunk Given Something To Do With His Hands

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—The man was charged with drunkenness and resisting arrest.

Recorder John W. Sholenberger said, "I see the drunkenness, but where does the resisting arrest come in?"

"When I arrested him," the policeman reported, "I grabbed him by the belt and tried to pull him. He wouldn't move."

"Yes, sir, your honor," said the defendant. "But the reason I didn't move is when he grabbed my belt he broke it. I was holding my pants up."

The judge fined him \$1.50 for drunkenness and dismissed the other charge.

Firemen's Practice Becomes Real Thing

TROY, N. Y. (AP)—Firemen were returning to Central Station yesterday after a ladder drill on the boys club across the street.

They looked back and saw smoke pouring from a third-floor window. They hustled over and put out a small fire started by a television set in the recreation room.

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