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Park Picture

Two hearings will be conducted next month in Portland on the subject of administration and organization of the state parks of Oregon. These meetings are the outgrowth of a long series of studies made by a special commission appointed by Governor Paterson.

The principal problem to be solved is whether to leave the parks under the administration of the highway department, where they are now, or to create a separate state parks administration to handle all policy and maintenance.

I would say there is no doubt which way the decision should go. Why set up a separate administration when we already have the job being done by a competent source? Why spend the additional millions of dollars that will be called for when it is unnecessary?

There are many views as to the best operation of the parks. There is one group that feels they are set up for the sole purpose of affording camping and picnic facilities. Another group wants them established as fishing sites and conducted for the fishermen. Still another group may speak for historic sites and museums.

Still others view the parks of Oregon as sanctuaries for birds and animals. Some want only beautiful, breath-taking scenic panoramas unfolded before them. And, of course, state parks are handy little things to have around to name after some prominent person who has done a job of some kind.

But whatever purpose is achieved, the state parks play a definite role in the state. And they cost money to keep up. Roads break up, brush crops in streams, floods erode the surface areas, trees die or burn and create a snag problem, fences sag, fireplaces crumble, benches rot away, bridges collapse, garbage collection sites fill to overflowing, pipes rust out, roofs in the shelter buildings blow off, besides, attack the forest area and a hundred and one other things occur that cost money to correct.

As it is the highway department maintains the parks with equipment they also use in road building and maintenance and in other jobs performed by the department. At least one handful of special equipment would be needed to fulfill every demand. As it is the state highway department has equipment scattered all over the state. There isn't a corner that doesn't have some kind of areas well served by them. They keep up the park work as they go along. No equipment has to be moved long distances for a special park job. It comes from the nearest highway station.

If a separate group were set up it would entail buying new equipment and with the budget of the state already dog-eared and battered, this would probably be inadequate. Either that or taxes would go up to support the plan. It would probably mean that equipment would be moved from one park site to another, which, in turn, would mean that many parks would wait years for necessary work. It would also mean a new office and staff, meaning more floor space at the capitol and the hiring of the necessary stenographers, clerks and business personnel in addition to hiring maintenance crews, drivers, pick-up-and-deliver men, etc.

I can't see where the switch would be anything but costly and lead to inadequate service in our parks.

I'm pretty well convinced that the highway department will do a better job of maintaining and building up Klamath Park for instance, than insignificant little speck buried down here in the High Desert, than would any special group set up as a separate entity. I hope the hearings result in leaving things as they are.

Hebin' Feet
By KEN McLEOD
As I looked out this morning there was another batch of snow to shovel and along with that comes the mail carrying glad tidings from West Palm Beach and an airmail letter "In Her Majesty's Service" from the boys down in the Bahamas putting out the stren call telling of the joys of fishing the tropical waters far from the exercise of shoveling snow. Well I guess it's all right to dream about and someday perhaps there may be a chance to try a hand at Tarpon, or Bahfish, or Martin and forget the white stuff for a while.

But speaking of dreaming the tackle manufacturers are getting in on the act likewise and sending out their catalogs properly timed to the season when the fisherman begins to get that urge yet cannot get out upon the streams and can dream of the fine game that might help him snag that elusive monster down below his favorite fishing hole.

Even the game commission begins to feel the urge of interest from the boys and girls who want to get out upon the streams again and along with all this other mail comes our Tentative Angling Regulations. "Right off the commission raises the blood pressure—Liberalization of the rules for trout anglers was the keynote in a session Friday when the Oregon Game Commission set proposed angling regulations for 1956."

and then looking to see what is cooking for our Southeast region we find that the tentative opening date for trout season was set at April 28 throughout the state

Vets Mail Bag

with the closing date October 31, which was a lengthening of the season over last year. Lakes, reservoirs and their tributaries within national forest boundaries in the Cascades would open on May 28 and close on October 7.

We note that the commission is now bringing Spencer Creek back into the fisherman's fold and opening it to angling from July 1 to October 31. The Klamath River is now open to angling but will be closed from July 15 to September 30. The area about the mouth of Spencer Creek at the Klamath River, from 4,000 feet below to 2,000 feet above, is closed from April 1 to June 30. Lake of the Woods being open from May 26 to October 31.

Well, we have some time yet to look forward to before the streams of the hills become open to us on the deadline of April 28 for streams outside the national forest and May 28 for the streams within the forest boundaries, so perhaps we might thumb through some of these colorful "wish" books of the manufacturers and dream about the rippling waters.

Along in our last mail came the new catalog of the folks at Heddon's, and in their colorful catalog they feature some features that give one a case of the itchin' feet. The Heddon boys come up with new gadgets, their newest is a lure called "Spinfin" a sort of all-purpose lure in three sizes for spinning, casting, and trolling. It has a keel shape, a minnow-like body and weighted to make it ride upright. This makes it practically a weedless and ideal for "bottom bumping."

Then they have a new weedless spoon called "wag," a spoon with a spinner at the nose. Touched off with a bit of pork rind, this should be "right catchy" since it combines the flirt of a spoon with the flash of a spinner. There are all sorts of gadgets to offer to the taste of the fish and fisherman and some interesting new tubular glass casting rods equipped with spinning guides.

The Heddon catalog always carries a number of pages featuring tips by their experts, but what I like about it is the 18 pages illustrating the popular salt and freshwater species of fish, their common and scientific name and a world's records, a feature no other catalog possesses.

Cancer
By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
The attack on cancer is going forward with ever-increasing vigor and effectiveness. Some of the developments of recent years have been the result of experimental observation and as yet do not have practical application for the victim of cancer. Many of them, however, hold great promise for the future.

What about prevention? More and more attention is being paid to the factors which may lead to the development of cancer.

Why is it that sometimes certain cells grow wild and produce a cancer? The answer to this all-important question is not clear, but laboratory investigators have learned something about it. The possibility that excessive cigarette smoking is one of those factors in recent developments which at least shows how much interest there is in learning more.

One of the factors in progress has been the increased emphasis on early diagnosis. Many cancers, when they can be discovered soon enough after they have started, can be successfully treated and lives saved. Different types of cells can be identified by microscopic examination and the treatment often depends on the type of cells well as on their location and the length of time the cancer has been active.

Treatment continues to improve. It is now well known that if all cancer cells can be removed by surgery the growth of the cancer can be halted. Since more and more people are getting this surgery early enough so that all the cells can be removed, and since the areas open to surgical treatment are being extended by surgeons have both been extended or improved, treatment is becoming increasingly satisfactory.

In addition to surgery, the other two methods of treatment are the use of X-rays and radium. Here, too, new and improved techniques and instruments have extended the field in which effective cancer treatment can be employed.

The progress in control of cancer, extensive though it has been, is not nearly enough. We need still more basic knowledge about cancer which will give information on the cause or causes thus leading to more effective preventive measures.

Needed also is a diagnostic test (perhaps of the blood or urine) which will reveal the presence or absence of cancer anywhere in the body. Such a test would make it possible to concentrate diagnostic search on those known to have cancer and thus to still earlier diagnosis and more effective treatment.

Finally, research is needed to develop some medical or drug treatment of cancer. If this could be done it might be possible to inject or give by mouth some chemical substance which would destroy the cancer cells without harming the healthy cells of the body.

Work on this problem has been done and search for a truly effective means of accomplishing this objective will go on, no doubt, until the problem is solved.

Business OK

By WALTER BREDE JR.
NEW YORK (AP)—Business, which smashed all records in 1955, showed its breakneck pace last week. But there were signs that America's greatest boom would be rolling in high gear again by springtime.

Most striking evidence of re-investment this week was in the auto and construction industries. There was hesitation, too, in Wall Street. The stock market experienced its sharpest fall since President Eisenhower's heart attack.

Other key lines, however, hummed at a fast clip. Steel boasted a new weekly production high of 2,428,000 tons. Production of a wide range of goods held close to peak levels; manufacturers of furniture and home appliances stepped on the gas.

For a psychological shot-in-the-arm, industry unfolded plans for record expansion programs which added up to a new billion-dollar-a-year message. In the center of the spotlight was big General Motors Corp., which will plunk down one billion dollars for machinery and other new facilities in 1956.

The steel industry backed up its belief in continued prosperity with plans for a three-billion-dollar expansion that will add 15 million tons of new steel-making capacity by the end of 1958. It's the biggest expansion the steel industry has ever undertaken in peace-time.

Also indicating confidence in the future was President Eisenhower's budget message. In the fiscal year starting July 1, he estimated, Uncle Sam's tax take should total 66 one-third billion dollars—a gain of 1 1/2 billions over the current fiscal year. If the estimate is correct, wages, salaries and profits will have to go higher too, because that's where most of the taxes come from.

Here's how the general pattern of business in 1956 shaped up this week: auto sales and home construction will be down from last year's peaks, but rising activity in other lines will more than make up the slack.

The upward trend of general business showed up on steel producers' books this week, cutbacks in the auto industry notwithstanding. Fighting for all the steel they could get were such big users as home appliance makers, freight car builders, and producers of oil and natural gas.

Makes Hit
NEW YORK (UP)—It's been no secret for 15 years that Nancy Walker is a funny actress, but it took the revival of the week of a weary 30-year-old Noel Coward play to show just how good she is.

The tiny, rubber-faced, loose-limbed comedienne showed up at the Playhouse Tuesday night in a bit of early Coward entitled "Fallen Angels" and lost no time in lowering the boom on Shakespeare's most abused quotation, "The play's the thing."

The audience began rocking at her first entrance and didn't stop until early in the third act when it came time for the loose ends of the story to be tied up. Nancy Walker began to sing Wednesday and where they were landing and taking off here now is clear blue water. The temperature yesterday was 28 degrees above zero.

Until now the thickness of the ice was a mixed blessing. It was strong enough to hold planes but too strong for icebreakers to carve a path wide enough for cargo ships. As a result, cargo had to be unloaded from the bigger ships and ferried by icebreaker up through the narrow channel—a long slow process.

In five days this ferrying method permitted less than 40 per cent of the Wyandott's cargo to be unloaded. Now the process will be speeded up because the cargo ships will be able to steam 20 miles closer to Hut Point.

TO SELL OPERATION
DUNSMUIR — Clarence Norris, a Project City grocer, has announced he is selling his Project City operation and has leased half of the building formerly occupied by Mac's Market. He plans to start stocking his new store as soon as remodeling is finished, he said. Montgomery Ward and Company has leased the other half of the building and will open a catalogue store in February. Owner of the building is Francis McEnery.

They'll Do It Every Time

THE CLUB HATES TO DROP ANY MEMBER—THEY BEND OVER BACKWARDS AS IN THE CASE OF DELINQUENT DAN LEECHY—

I FINALLY HAD TO DROP DAN LEECHY FROM THE CLUB—HE HASN'T PAID HIS DUES IN THREE YEARS—NEVER ANSWERED MY LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS—I EVEN TOLD HIM HE COULD MAKE A TEN PERCENT PAYMENT—

IT'S NOT THAT HE'S BROKE—I KNOW HE'S WORKING—AND I SEE HIM TOSSEING HIS DOUGH AROUND THE NIGHT SPOTS—

HELLO, DAN—I'M SORRY I HAD TO—

THE LAUGH'S ON YOU SCHMOES! JUST BEFORE I GOT YOUR SNIDE LETTER I WAS ALREADY SET TO SEND A \$10,000 CHECK TO THE CLUB BUILDING FUND—BUT YOU CHEAP SKATES OUTSMARTED YOURSELVES—

By Jimmy Hatlo

Crippled Ship Makes Port OK
BOSTON (AP)—The 5,202-ton Military Sea Transport Service's Sagitta limped into a South Boston Navy Annex dock Saturday after a half-speed trip from the "Texas Tower," the man-made radar out-post 100 miles off Cape Cod, into which she crashed Friday.

The Sagitta bumped one of the tower's three long, steel legs and a hole was torn in her starboard side. An estimated 15 feet of water rushed into the No. 2 hold.

A serious list to starboard developed, but the crew restored the Sagitta to even keel.

Capt. John J. Albers, USN, who supervised construction of the tower, described damage as "a little paint scraped off" and "some groceries knocked off shelves."

The accident occurred while the Sagitta was transferring supplies to the tower, a lonely sentry post on the famous Georges Banks fishing grounds during what was described as the best weather in months.

The 10-million-dollar tower is the first of a chain of such structures planned to guard the coast by furnishing warning of approaching enemy air or surface craft. Its "Texas" designation came through its resemblance to oil rigs.

Adult Leaders To Attend Meet
Four hundred volunteer adult 4-H leaders and county extension agent from Oregon will be at Oregon State College January 25, 26 and 27 for the annual 4-H leaders conference. Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader, has announced.

How to develop a specialized training program for volunteer 4-H leaders will be the main item at the three-day meeting. Increasing club enrollments, up 4 per cent last year, have made it necessary to plan more effective leader training, Hutton explains.

"The volunteer leaders have an important part in the planning of the 4-H Club program," says Hutton. "Exchange of ideas now in use as well as the study of a new plan to service the 4-H club leaders will be emphasized at this year's conference."

New West German Navy To Hoist Colors In March; Mine Sweeping Big Job

BONN, Germany (AP)—The first ships of the new German navy will hoist their colors in March.

Within four years, the Germans expect to put 170 fighting ships on the seas as their naval contribution to the Atlantic Alliance.

Capt. Karl Adolf Zenker, chief of the navy department, said a fierce ministry says this force will pack a powerful punch through its destroyers and small submarines.

The first ship flying the black-red-gold flag of West Germany will be minesweepers. Operating with German crews under command of the U.S. Navy for several years, they are sweeping World War II mines from the shipping lanes of the North Sea and the western Baltic. When assigned to the German navy, they will continue to destroy old mines that year after year still take a toll.

Their officers and crews, who have learned by the U.S. Navy book will be retained if they volunteer for the new navy.

West Germany has asked the United States for the loan of 12 destroyers for six years—or until the Germans can build their own. Bonn also has asked Britain to sell six frigates as training ships.

The exact number of destroyers planned for the new navy is an official secret. But defense ministry sources say there will be around 60 organized in 10 squadrons. The destroyers will be small—about 2,200 tons.

Submarines will be limited to 300 tons in size, Zenker says they will be able to travel submerged for 10 days. They will be mainly for reconnaissance or surprise raids on enemy supply lines.

The navy also will include anti-submarine and aircraft escort vessels of about 1,400 tons, motor torpedo boats, landing craft, supply ships and training ships.

It will have a small anti-submarine and reconnaissance air force. The naval pilots will be trained in the United States.

About two-thirds of Germany's naval strength will be based in the Russian-dominated Baltic Sea. Navy headquarters will be at Kiel, the famous base of the Kaiser's massive navy.

Informed sources say the top naval chief with the title of Inspector will be Vice Adm. Friedrich Ruge. He was naval adviser to the late Field Marshal Erwin Rommel when Rommel was building the "Atlantic Wall" to repel the allied invasion of France.

Woman Facing Red Charges

DETROIT (AP)—A former woman official of the United Packing House Workers Saturday faced a possible prison sentence for signing a false non-Communist affidavit in 1949.

Otha Zechuk, 42, now of Tampa, Fla., pleaded guilty to the charge Friday before Federal Judge Theodore Levin and was released on \$3,000 bond pending sentence.

The charge carries a possible maximum fine of \$10,000 or up to five years imprisonment.

Asst. U. S. Atty. Dwight K. Hamborsky said the case was the first of its kind where a union official had pleaded guilty to such a charge.

An indictment charged that Miss Zechuk had been a member of the Communist party when she filed her non-Communist affidavit under the Taft-Hartley law and that she had been affiliated with the Communist party. She pleaded guilty to the second count.

Seven of Cleveland pitcher Herb Score's 11 complete games in 1955 were games in which he allowed four hits or less. He set a major league strikeout record for a rookie with 345.

Livestock Sales Off

DENVER (AP)—Livestock sales at the 50th National Western Stock Show totaled \$7,723,000, about \$800,000 under 1955 figures, officials reported Saturday.

The decline was attributed to fewer animals entered. Officials said quality in all divisions was high.

In Friday's final auction of livestock the reserve grand champion steer of the junior show sold for a record \$1.11 a pound.

The 1000-pound Hereford steer owned by 14-year-old Judy Horat of Wisner, Neb., was bought by Montgomery Ward & Co. at a price six cents a pound above the old mark set in 1951.

The reserve champion Hereford steer, shown by Barbara Austin, 18, of Julesburg, Colo., was bought for 56 cents a pound by Frank J. John, president of the Denver Dry Goods. He also bought at 51 cents a pound the champion junior show Shorthorn steer entered by Steven Clauson, 12, of Spencer, Iowa.

Eighty-eight steers were sold Friday. They brought an average of \$26.12 per hundredweight. The 1955 average was \$36.94. Present market prices range between \$16.50 and \$18 per hundredweight.

SCARED!

Red Satellite bosses admit fear of Radio Free Europe

A high Polish Communist recently said of Radio Free Europe: "The regime would give any amount of money to abolish this station." The Czech Prime Minister waits that even party members are being "mildly" by its broadcasts. Escapees report that Red prison guards are less harsh... because Radio Free Europe constantly warns of a day of reckoning.

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