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Park Decision

By BILL JENKINS

We were glad to note last week that the advisory committee on state parks recommended strongly that the Oregon State Park System remain under the control of the Highway Commission.

To my way of thinking, this is not only a wise move but one which will prove highly beneficial from a financial standpoint. No matter how you cut it or in what light you look at it, the creation of a new bureau inevitably leads to more expenditure. And I am pretty sure that most of us are willing to agree that the highway bunch have done a good job of running our state parks.

This advisory committee was made up very largely of newspaper editors and publishers. They spent a good deal of time touring over the state and in the course of a year's study visited every major area. In addition to this, they studied the park system in northern California in order to achieve a comparative outlook.

It seemed to me at the time the investigation was being carried on, and has always seemed to me, that the development and maintenance of state parks fits in exactly with the work of the Highway Commission. The two utilize the same equipment and the manpower problem is greatly eased in having them under the same head.

In case you don't think that the parks get a heavy play, records indicate for the third year in a row we are approaching a 50 percent increase. Last year there were 150,000 camper nights in the state. Under this system each car occupant is counted once for each night spent in a state park.

On the basis of our 50 percent increase, a quickie look at 1956 would indicate a figure of more than 225,000 camper nights by the end of this year.

There are several reasons advanced for this gain in park use. One is the desire on the part of the camper to spend less money on his vacation and thus utilizing the parks rather than patronizing hotels, motels and other forms of accommodation.

But probably the major reason has been the development of more comfortable and more practical camping equipment for the average man. Mosquito-proof tents, improved sleeping bags, air mattresses that are practical and comfortable at the same time, and the vast boom in the sale of station wagons which allow comfortable storage space have all contributed.

Added to this are the factors that in our state parks, at least in a great many of them, tables, stoves, electrical outlets, utility buildings and rest rooms have been provided. This cuts the difficulty of a camping trip to a minimum.

Then, of course, there is the fact of a great increase in what they refer to now as mobile trailers. Principal use of the parks for overnight camping was noticed in the coast region. Naturally, since the coastal highway draws the big percentage of travel, plus the fact that there are more developed parks along the coast than in other areas of the state.

Current plans of the Parks Department of the Highway Commission are to develop even further camping facilities in order to offer greater use factors and some new development in the rest of the state's 134 parks.

I must also mention that in addition to the state parks being maintained presently, the Forest Service is pushing ahead with its program of developing their camp and picnic sites along our better traveled highways. These forest camps are drawing their fair share of the traveling public.

More and more people are discovering the joys of outdoor living as long as they don't have to rough it too hard. I look for a gradual increase in this outdoor type of vacation for at least the next decade.

Speaking of the outdoors reminds me that there are plenty of people out picking up football in their socks and scratches from the brush in their frantic search for wild plums. From what I've been able to see it's an excellent plum year. Bushes are loaded, and some areas where I haven't seen a plum for the past three or four years are now rich with a tangy crop.

All well and good, but it still remains a mystery to me why some of these pickers haven't been killed. The way they bark along the highways in places where they're unable to get off the road far enough for safety and then spread out in all directions picking plums into sacks, hats, old buckets and any other receptacle at hand is something to watch.

But at any rate, it looks like there'll be plenty of wild plum jam to go along with the venison and the duck that we hope we'll all pick up this fall during the hunting season.

Grain Harvest

By KEN McLEOD

If you drive around the Klamath farming country these days you are bound to meet numerous one-man combine harvesters moving along the highway from one grain field to another. These self-propelled factories which extract grain from the crops in the field,

are just another example of the ingenuity of America that has taken the drudgery out of farming pursuits to satisfy the wants of mankind. There are few people today who have seen the old time hand methods of harvesting grain in operation which consumed tremendous amounts of human energy. Cutting the grain in the field by hand, binding it into sheaves, then carrying the sheaves to the plot where workers flailed the grain, and then finally the laborious task of winnowing. Now one mechanical contraption carries out the whole process as it rolls across the fields of waving grain.

The scythe, of which we spoke in our last column, came from the sickle as an improvement upon the older method of cutting grain. Then both scythe and sickle took a long rest during the 10 centuries of the dark ages while man turned to a pastoral life. Around 1800 we find political conditions in the world setting down that man begins to turn to the soil for the raising of crops. The scythe and sickle again becoming the common tools of agriculture.

The scythe was not for long to remain in its primitive state but was continually being improved and its greatest evolution took place in the peculiar shape of the handle which passed through many stages from straight to curved. Along with the scythe came the development of attachments designed to catch and bunch the grain as it was being cut; here it was that the early American colonists began to show their ingenuity by developing the improved cradle scythe that is still in use in Europe where it is not possible to use machines. The sickle, however, still holds its place in the Orient.

As a boy, I well recall my first view of Luther Burbank, standing watching one of his helpers harvest a test plot of wheat he had grown on one corner of his lot. Most city folk would have had that plot in lawn. I remember watching fascinated at the easy swing of the man with the scythe, the deft binding of the sheaves, the flailing of the grain and its winnowing on the driveway in front of the barn which had become a garage. A youngster's wonder did not encompass the fact that perhaps here he was a witness to the last gasp of an ancient art for now the cradle scythe and flail are museum objects that moderns observe with curiosity and wonder how man ever could have used those things.

Beginning with the eighteenth century we begin to discover a lot of interest being displayed by inventors in England and Europe in machines for the development of a machine for the harvesting of grain. Up to the year 1831 there had been 33 English, 1 German, 2 French, and 32 American inventions, most of which proved impractical in actual use. Among these early inventors the name of Henry Ogle deserves a medal of praise. In 1822, Ogle was the first not use the reel but developed a and the reciprocating knife that moves past fixed fingers, both principles that are found upon all successful harvesters of the present day.

The men who we look to as the real fathers of the reaper, however are Cyrus H. McCormick and Obed Hussey. McCormick built his first practical reaper in 1831 while Hussey brought his out in 1833. McCormick used the reel and reciprocating knife while Hussey did not use the reel but developed a reciprocating knife that was similar to the type that is in use today. Both Hussey and McCormick found that it was not enough to build a successful machine but it was necessary to overcome superstition and antagonism from the people who were to directly profit by their inventions.

Quick Wealth

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The surest way to quick wealth in America is to find out what the public wants — and give it to them first.

A 39-year-old entertainment genius who made a fortune giving the public what it wanted in the way of comedy and fictional crime is now rapidly enlarging that fortune by satisfying the rising public interest in religion.

He is Bernard L. Schubert, producer of *Crossroads*, an ABC network show that has clergymen as its heroes. The show, now in its second year, was the first commercially sponsored national interfaith religious program on television. Its spontaneous success surprised most people in the industry, but not Schubert.

"After all, more Americans are deeply interested in religion today than at any time in history," he remarked. "Some 60.1 per cent of the population belongs to churches now as compared to 49 per cent in 1940 and a mere 18 per cent a hundred years ago."

Until less than two years ago Schubert had only a layman's interest in religion. He had won recognition as co-producer of the *Topper* program and crime series, such as *Counter Spy*, *Adventures of the Falcon*, and *Mr. and Mrs. North*.

"I hold the distinction of once having hired Jack Webb for a minor role in a radio crime show," said Schubert, a trifle glumly, since Webb later, starting on *Dragnet*, "probably made more

out of crime than anybody, including Jesse James.

The idea for *Crossroads* originated with a Catholic priest and a rabbi.

"They wanted to show that the clergy did more than perform marriages, baptize children, and deliver funeral orations," said Schubert. "They wanted to show the full role clergymen play in their communities."

Schubert provided the technical know-how to carry out their wishes. At first he feared there might be a shortage of good stories to dramatize.

But, once word of his project spread, story suggestions poured in from all parts of the land — and he had a backlog of 800 at the last count.

"It seems like half the congregations in the country think their clergyman is a hero," he said.

The story plots are checked for religious authenticity by an interfaith board consisting of a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and a rabbi.

He soon will start distributing the *Crossroads* series to seven foreign countries, ranging from Italy to Australia. Next year he plans to launch a live religious program in which various clergymen will answer the problems of real people.

Ike Aide
By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—Arthur Larson, a pleasant, graying 46-year-old lawyer, has a knack of saying not only what President Eisenhower likes to hear but what he likes to say, too.

Eisenhower liked a recent book by Larson so much he got him to help on his speech-writing. Larson worked on Eisenhower's acceptance speech at the Republican convention in San Francisco.

But Republicans like Larson, who has been undersecretary of labor two years, must make Democrats like Adlai Stevenson feel confused enough to scream in pain: "Get off my property or I'll call the sheriff. Or is this your property?"

In his 216-page book, "A Republican Looks at His Party"—Larson attempts to show the "new Republicanism" under Eisenhower has a "genius" for doing the right thing in running the government.

In fact he says the Republicans have discovered the "American consensus"—meaning general agreement among Americans on what to do—and at the same time gives the Democrats credit for very little.

It's a very cool piece of writing. And it may help the Republicans in this election. But it is hardly what a political scientist would consider a textbook on government.

Larson brushes over, almost without mentioning, the fact that the administration—no matter how well it runs the government—is standing on a foundation built up by Democratic programs over 20 years.

But Eisenhower endorsed the book lavishly at his news conference last week.

Still, Eisenhower bestowed his blessing with quadruple, built-in hedges which will let him escape through roof, basement or big front door anytime anything in this book backfires. Said Eisenhower of the book:

"I can't recall every detail that's in it (hedge No. 1). So, I can't say I stand by every statement (hedge No. 2) but in general (hedge No. 3) I thought he (Larson) expressed my philosophy of government as well as I have seen it (and here comes hedge No. 4) in a book of that size."

The book covers too many phases of government to be synopsized here. But at one point Larson said: "President Eisenhower and his associates have, for the first time in our history, discovered and established the authentic American center in politics."

He was reminded of this statement Aug. 26 on the TV panel show, *Meet the Press*, and asked if he would include Stevenson, the Democrats' presidential candidate and leader of his party, in this new "American center," Larson said: Yes.

In an interview yesterday Larson was asked—since he put Stevenson in this new center with Eisenhower—how Stevenson, the Democratic standard-bearer, differed in any way from Eisenhower or if there was a difference.

Larson hemmed and hawed over this bit and explained he has trouble distinguishing between what Stevenson really thinks inside himself and what he says officially as a candidate.

Since this could be interpreted as meaning Larson thinks Stevenson talks out of both sides of his mouth, it was a little difficult to see how he ever put Stevenson in the new center in the first place.

Because Larson takes so much credit for the Republicans and finds so little to say for the Democrats, Stevenson may feel like telling the undersecretary of labor what he told Russia's Andrei Gromyko in London in 1945.

At that time Allied representatives, including Stevenson and Gromyko, were trying to lay the groundwork for the U.N. Gromyko must have been using his elbows

Jobs Eyed

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Staff Correspondent
Japan is likely to be looking around for a new prime minister and a new foreign minister before long.

The jobs of both Premier Ichiro Hatoyama and Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu are threatened because of the recent collapse of peace treaty negotiations with Russia.

The negotiations broke down because Russia refused to restore to Japan the little islands of Kunashiri and Etorofu off the coast of Hokkaido, the northernmost of the Japanese islands.

Hatoyama is considering whether to stake his own post by going to Moscow to try to get the Soviet government to change its mind.

If he goes, and fails in his mission, he is undoubtedly will have to resign.

Shigemitsu is likely to be forced out anyway. He conducted the treaty negotiations in Moscow which broke down on August 22.

Russia did not subscribe to the peace treaty which the United States and 47 other countries negotiated with Japan at San Francisco in 1951.

Separate Japanese-Russian negotiations were started on June 1, 1955, in London. They dragged on until last March without result. Shigemitsu resumed the negotiations in Moscow on July 31.

The dispute over Kunashiri and Etorofu islands remained the big stumbling block.

The two islands are at the southern end of the Kurile Islands chain which Russia occupied at the end of World War II. The Kuriles extend from Russia's Kamchatka peninsula to Japan. Russia holds that Kunashiri and Etorofu are part of the chain. Japan says they are not, that they go with Hokkaido.

The little islands are of no great importance, though they are valuable fishing bases and have some sulphur mines.

Japan's demand for them is partly a matter of national pride. But the failure of Hatoyama and Shigemitsu to get them has strengthened long-standing opposition to them.

There has been talk among Japanese politicians for months of getting some younger blood into the prime ministry and the foreign ministry.

Hatoyama is 73 and partly paralyzed. Shigemitsu is 69. He lost a leg in 1932 when a Korean threw a bomb onto a platform in Shanghai, China, during a celebration for Japanese Emperor Hirohito's birthday.

Hatoyama and Shigemitsu were members of the Liberal Party under Premier Shigeru Yoshida. They broke with him and formed the new Japan Democratic Party in November, 1954. Next month Hatoyama succeeded Yoshida as premier. The Liberal and Democratic parties were merged.

The Liberal-Democratic Party holds 309 of the 467 seats in the House of Representatives. But younger men in the party want Hatoyama to get out, and they are even more determined to get rid of Shigemitsu.

It will not be surprising if Hatoyama resigns next month.

Quotes
BY UNITED PRESS
LOS ANGELES — Legationaire Bill Bischoff of Omaha who picked Vice President Richard M. Nixon's appearance before the national American Legion convention with a placard which read, "Nebraska — Home State of Joe Smith."

"I'm really a Republican. It's just for fun."

LE HARVE, Frances — Grace Kelly, who expects her first child early next year, commenting on the forthcoming presidential election as she boarded an ocean liner with her husband for New York:

"The problem has hardly been preoccupying me."

WASHINGTON — Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall describing the function of the GOP "truth squads" which will follow former President Truman and other Democratic campaigners around:

"Through press conferences or public meetings they would correct the (Truman's) statements or refresh his memory on the facts."

CIUDAD TRUJILLO — Robert Harrison, publisher of the scandal magazine "Confidential," absolving big game hunter Richard Welby after being slightly wounded by a blast from Welby's shotgun:

"I hold no grudge against Welby. He cannot be blamed for what happened."

OKLAHOMA CITY — Lance Cudjoe, former Harlem Globetrotters basketball star, expressing his satisfaction with becoming the first Negro head coach of football and basketball at a predominantly white Oklahoma high school:

"I feel great about it and the job is a real challenge as a coach."

They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



Parking Law Amended

DUNSMUIR — Dunsmuir's City Council has amended the town's parking ordinance to allow free parking on Saturdays. Action was taken after 14 members of the retail merchants association appeared with a petition asking for free Saturday parking.

The council was informed that the recreation commission is planning to install new restrooms at the baseball park and to rehabilitate the city park as its major projects this next spring.

The recreation commission will call a meeting soon with the council, planning commission and chamber of commerce to plan the best use of the \$2,000 to \$3,000 available for park rehabilitation. J. M. Jones, councilman, reported.

The recreation commission also plans to allow advertising signs on the new ballpark fence in order to get the fence painted. The council approved this, providing the advertisers are told that a "no advertising" ordinance may be passed later to comply with a freeway agreement with the state. The city is hoping the state will landscape the freeway adjacent to the ballpark and this would require sign limitation ordinances by the city.

THIEF LEAVES MONEY
BAYONNE, N.J. (UP)—Owners of a liquor store are hoping for another robbery like Thursday's. They can use the money. A would-be holdup man, who had entered the store on pretext of making a purchase, became so rattled by a lady clerk's screams, he fled leaving behind four of his own dollars.

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Man Loses Kilts Before Queen

BRAEMAR, Scotland (AP)—Wrestler John Bland qualified as the most embarrassed man in Britain Thursday when he lost his kilts—in front of Queen Elizabeth II and four other members of the royal family.

The incident occurred just as 25-year-old Bland, a middleweight, tossed his opponent in the annual open air Highland Games.

The Queen burst out laughing. Princess Margaret smiled. Princess Anne rocked with glee. Prince Charles giggled. The Duke of Edinburgh grinned broadly.

Bland crept quickly across the greensward, retrieved his bottle green kiltlike garment, and whipped it back on.

In a Scottish military regiment, men reportedly wear nothing under their kilts.

Bland, being civilian, wore trousers—closefitting plaid under-pants.

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