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Wildlife Week

By BILL JENKINS

Today marks the kickoff of National Wildlife Week, sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation and carrying this year the theme of "protect our public lands."

While there are many so-called weeks in this country, some 500 or more of them, that are merely merchandising gimmicks, this one deserves a little more credit and consideration.

It is a week designed to call the attention of the American people to one of their possessions—over one quarter of the total land area of the United States. This is the public domain and its ownership is shared equally by every citizen.

This vast heritage is managed by a wide variety of agencies within the framework of government. But at no time is control outside the wishes of the people except through disinterest and misunderstanding. The various governing bodies are under the direct control of our elected officials—who are pledged to carry out the will of the people. If they do not carry out these wishes it is the fault of the people.

Therefore it behooves every one of us to take an interest in the business of administering and protecting the public domain. It is the duty of every American citizen to see to it that outrages against the public domain are halted and that the credo of the greatest good and the greatest number is strictly adhered to.

The title of the week is misleading. To many it means another effort on the part of the hunting and fishing interests to gain for themselves greater privilege. Actually the week goes much further than this. It points out that multiple use, not selfish gain, is the goal. A goal which can be attained only if the public maintains its vigilance.

A good example of the thing which conservationists are striving for is the recent ruckus over withdrawal of land from this public domain for the exclusive use of the various military branches. A move which has been pretty well spiked by California's Clair Engle and his military lands withdrawal bill now awaiting presidential signature.

The Engle bill, brought about by a public howl over the ruthless land grabs made by military branches, prohibits such bodies from withdrawing over 5,000 acres in any single tract without the prior approval of Congress.

Prior to this bill the military thought nothing of withdrawing, or trying to withdraw, a million or more acres to be turned into a little used bombing range and furnish a private playground for the brass.

It is just such activities that the various federations, clubs, and associations are trying to prevent. Their field of activity covers a wide range. But the end result must always go back to the idea of public use of public lands, not private patronage.

The privilege of commercial use of public lands is granted to many; lumber interests, grazing, mining and resort operation. But it is a privilege only, not a right. And abuse cannot be tolerated.

I thing it would be well if the people took a few minutes to look over the situation. After all, its your land and you, as a voter, are the boss.

Having your say as to the use and conservation of the public domain is to your benefit. You're not working for the other fellow. You are strictly working for yourself.

Tensions

By FLORENCE JENKINS

A period in our history which produced three wars in a span of 40 years was bound to turn up a catch-all word or phrase to explain why people weren't getting along with each other. The word, tensions, was as acceptable, probably, as any other.

In natural sequence, the word was taken up by writers of copy for national advertising. Tensions also became the alibi of politicians, psychiatrists, school administrators and other articulate segments of our population.

The word has been used to explain away factional disagreements, union disputes and even fist-fights on school grounds across the nation.

All of which makes it so entirely refreshing to have in our community a representative branch of a major industry which disclaims the presence of tensions and the attending implications and goes ahead and sets a national record for industrial safety.

More than a thousand men at the Klamath Falls branch of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company worked more than a million man hours during the last six months of last year without a single accident. They beat the existing national record of injury free man-hours in the sawmill industry by more than 150,000 hours.

Average employment is 1,205 men in what they call the lumber division which includes practically all phases of the local Weyerhaeuser operation from the hardboard plant to the green chain.

Those thousand men work with each other and their employers without tensions—that is so obvious it need not be said.

Statisticians agree that from 85 to 87 per cent of industrial accidents are caused by human error. (Ten per cent are mechanical and the remainder Acts of God).

Robert R. Elliott, safety engineer at the Weyerhaeuser operation here, cites with pride the very small percentage of unexplained absences from work. So-called tensions and pseudo-illnesses are unpopular at the plant and fights among the men are entirely unknown, he says.

"Show me a man who comes to work with a good breakfast under his belt, whose wife has bid him a cheerful good-bye when he left home in the morning and I'll almost guarantee that man will have no accidents during his day's work."

Let's find a word to cover some of the old-fashioned virtues and give it popular acceptance.

News Report

By JAMES D. OLSON

The largest number of candidates ever to file for the Republican nomination for governor of Oregon — six in all — insures a lively 1958 race for the top state job.

State Treasurer Sig Unander and Secretary of State Mark Hatfield were expected to be the only candidates for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, until State Sen. Warren Gill, Republican leader in the state Senate during the 1957 regular and special sessions, entered the race. Following came nominations of three political unknowns: George Livingston, a cement contractor; Albert Eichman, tavern operator; and Orval Rascor.

Republican candidate Eichman wants to repeal the Knox liquor law, eliminate the liquor commission, have unrestricted sale of liquor in stores and legalized gambling.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes, the first Democrat to be elected chief executive in 23 years, who is seeking reelection, has two opponents: Lew Wallace, former state senator, and Wiley Smith, Multnomah County assessor.

State Senator Gill has upset the usual even tenor of Republican primary campaigns by hurling charges against his two leading Republican candidates, charging State Treasurer Urander, who is independently wealthy, with being backed by what he terms "the money bags in Portland," while he claims State Secretary Hatfield is backed by the legislative lobbyists. Further Gill complains that he is a poor man and cannot afford a state-wide campaign. Recently, however, a group of airplane owners in his area agreed to furnish him free transportation to any part of the state in which he wishes to campaign.

Some interesting congressional races loom in this primary contest. Veteran U.S. Rep. Walter Norblad, the only Republican in Oregon's congressional delegation, has his work cut out for him being opposed by hard working former state senator Phil Hitchcock.

The winner of this race will face Robert Y. Thornton, who has filed for the Democratic nomination, or Don Metheny, who was defeated for the same nomination two years ago.

Another race that promises to be interesting will be waged in the fall between Congressman Charles O. Porter and former Republican state senator Paul Geddes of Roseburg.

In Eastern Oregon Congressman Al Ullman will be faced with opposition by Republican Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington.

Congresswoman Edith Green of Multnomah County also has no opposition in the primaries, but will be opposed by one of three Republican candidates: George Alveter, John Johnston and Richard Wayne Hill. Alveter tried unsuccessfully to get the Republican nomination for Congress two years ago.

Three candidates are in the race for the Supreme Court position now held by Justice Gordon Sloan, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Randall B. Kester, who became general solicitor in the northwest for the Union Pacific Railroad.

President of the State Senate Boyd Overhulse and Sam Bowe, former state commander of the American Legion, have filed to oppose Justice Sloan.

Jason Lee, Democrat, who unsuccessfully ran against Congressman Norblad two years ago, has filed for the Supreme Court position held by George Rossman, the dean of the court.

State superintendent of public instruction, a nonpartisan post, will have no opposition. Democratic State Labor Commissioner Norman Nielson will be opposed next fall by Republican Lyle E. McCauley of Salem.

There are a total of 278 candidates who have filed for nomination in the two parties for state office, the majority being candidates for the State Legislature.

This is exactly the same number that filed four years ago when there were no candidates for the two national political conventions on the ballot.

New Railroad

By RAY FARBES
(United Press)

The Capitol is losing one of its unique features, its monorail subway.

For 40 years two monorail cars have carried lawmakers, congressional workers and tourists between the Senate Office Building and the Senate chambers. But on January first of next year, the capital's monorail era comes to an end. A shiny new double-rail system will take over.

Oddly enough, the single track system is vanishing from the capital scene just as monorails are getting serious consideration — by transportation experts—as the solution to traffic congestion, present and future.

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Washington's little cars have seen a lot of service. They've made 10 million trips on their 760 foot runway, and during four decades 70 million passengers, from chattering school children to filibustering senators, have taken the ride.

The electric monorails got there in the first place because the tunnel, dug 14 years earlier, was too narrow for two double-track cars. Until 1918, when the monorail tracks were laid, there were two alternatives open to senators, walking, or riding in a specially built electric motorcar. Walking, it is said, was very popular.

Taking a ride on one of the open monorail cars you get the feeling that you're really traveling. But the speed limit, strictly enforced by automatic governors, never exceeds 14 miles-per-hour, until several years ago though they chugged along on D-C current at 25 miles an hour.

Now one of the best known monorails in the world will soon become history, giving way to a new two million dollar double-rail system.

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The new set-up, which requires new tunnels and will have four cars, is electronically controlled. The motorman, it seems, will go along for the ride only to cope with emergencies. Electronic stops and starts, slow-ups and speed-ups will land the riders safely at either end.

The new Senate Office Building is in on this transportation marvel, too. An additional spur starts in that basement and will join the main line as it nears the Senate.

The House members, well, they'll still have to walk in their trainless subway, as they walked for 40 years while senators rode the monorails.

Risk

Chiloquin (To The Editor) — It appears that during the next few weeks most of the adult members of the Klamath Tribe will be required to elect, for themselves and their minor children, to withdraw from the tribe and have their shares of tribal assets converted into cash or to remain in a tribal entity and have their shares of property managed under a property management trust.

It is not the purpose of this letter to attempt to persuade anyone to make this decision one way or the other, but merely to bring out a very important point regarding a decision to place shares of tribal property under the plan of management.

An important question being asked by many members of the tribe is this: Does a tribal member, adult or child, whose share of tribal property is placed under the plan of management, have any safeguard against loss of his or her share through catastrophe such as fire or beetle infestation? In other words, if a member's share is placed under the plan of management (through his or her elector's decision) and the timber, which represents his and other shares in combination, is destroyed by fire, will someone make up that loss to such member?

So far as we have been able to find out the answer to this question is no. We have never been told any differently by Bureau of Indian Affairs people or the staff of the management specialists. It appears that the two ways in which recovery might be had would be: (1) A successful suit by the trustee against whoever caused the fire, or (2) catastrophe insurance purchased by the trustee.

To insure against such loss appears to be the only real safeguard. But, such insurance is not cheap and the cost would have to be deducted from whatever profits from management were passed on to each member each year.

This risk of loss of the property placed under the plan of management should be carefully considered by every tribal member who is uncertain as to how to elect for himself and his children.

Marie Norris

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Chairman Brent Spence (D-Ky.) of the House Banking Committee, on the GOP attempt to seize the initiative in the anti-recession fight by demanding immediate House action on a Democratic housing bill:

"Republicans have not been very great advocates of housing. Now they want to get into the housing boat with the Democrats. They can't expect to be captain, pilot or engineer. They're going along for a Democratic ride."

WASHINGTON — William A. McDonnell, newly-elected president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in calling for measures to combat the recession:

"In the concern over those temporarily out of jobs we should not adopt measures that will hurt the other 60 million who do have jobs."

WASHINGTON — Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), on "rumors" that the FCC was moving to avoid having any more of its commissioners to explain their votes on the controversial Miami Channel 10 TV case before House investigators:

"They are going to come in here. They can't get out from under it."

Pogo

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

THESE ARE THE OFFICERS OF THE 20-30 CLUB. In the rear row, left to right, are Dick Niles, first vice president; Bob Schroeder, president and Dick McDonald, second vice president. Seated, left to right, are Steve Bunch, sergeant-at-arms and Wayne Trumbull, secretary.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE plans are being formulated by, from the left, Bill (Mac) Gasser, Tom Lacey and Leonard (O) Lisk. The dance, sponsored by St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Merrill, will be held at the Merrill Community Hall on Monday, March 17. Music will be furnished by Les Gardner and his orchestra from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.
— Photo by Harris, Merrill

Explorers Meet To Snack On Octopus Sasebo, Ants And Other Strange Foods

NEW YORK (AP)—With explorers who know food best, it's octopus Sasebo two to one.

Twenty minutes after more than 600 explorers from all over the world gathered Friday night at the Hotel Biltmore, there was hardly an octopus left.

But there were still a few cockles Brittanica, mashed mussels, jellied cherry blossoms, lily bulbs Sukoshi, rooster combs au vin, and lava worms glace.

There were plenty of ants Takusan. For some reason, the ants Takusan didn't move very fast.

"They keep me awake at night," explained one explorer as he passed over the ants.

"It's all in your mind," mumbled his companion, who, being an ants Takusan man from 'way back, piled several on his plate. As he nibbled on the delicacy, he sounded as if he were eating a light bulb.

All these goodies — plus rattlesnake filet, fish balls a fjorde, baby snakes blanche, muskrat mignon, and pickled whale skin — were only the hors d'oeuvres as the world wanderers gathered for the 54th Annual Explorers' Club Dinner.

For the main course, they settled down to a choice of whale steak or Indian rice-stuffed pheasant. The whale steak was delicious, tasting like a cross between calves liver and beef steak all ground into one blubbery hunk

STATION

PORTLAND (AP) — Plans to build a two million dollar freight station—the largest in the region—were announced Friday by the Union Pacific Railroad.

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OTI Meet Set For Nurses

The first annual institute of practical nursing to be held at Oregon Technical Institute, is scheduled for March 18, 19 and 20, under sponsorship of the Oregon Licensed Practical Nurses Association, Inc. Announcement of the meeting was made by Mrs. William Dwyer, president.

The institute will convene at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, in building B-18 near the administration building, with the regular executive board meeting. All association members are invited to attend as observers.

The program will cover nursing skills, bookkeeping, correspondence, filing, bylaws, policies, officer's training and related subjects.

Delegates are expected from 15 areas in Oregon. Members of Klamath Falls area No. 8 will entertain visiting delegates at 8:30 p.m. on March 19 in the women's lounge at OTI. The institute will conclude at noon on March 20.

VFW Official Attends Confab

ALTURAS — Virgil Pratt, deputy chief of staff of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, attended the two day spring council and administrative meeting of the California VFW in Redding on March 14 and 15.

Special guests of the meeting were A. H. Birch, Oregon department commander, Medford; Alva J. Fleming, California department commander, Sacramento; Stella Disbrow, department auxiliary president, Capitola, California, and Byron B. Gentry, national VFW council member representing Oregon, Nevada and California, Pasadena.

Road Hearing Set In April

Public hearings on four road matters will be held April 2 and April 11 in the county court chambers.

The April 2 hearings involve requests for the paving of one quarter mile of Derby Street north of Shasta Way, and for paving approximately 600 feet of Flint Street in the Stewart Lenox Addition.

The April 11 hearings involve requests for the vacation of two blocks of alleys in the unoccupied area of the Opportunity Addition east of U.S. Highway 97, and for the paving of one block of Douglas Street northeast of Emerald Street.

It was previously reported that the Flint and Derby Street hearings would be April 11.

Realty Ramblings

by Orville Reichenberg

"Why doesn't everyone own his own home?"

Well, each one who doesn't would probably say that "it's better to rent," or, "I haven't been able to find a suitable house within my price range." The truth is that most of them do not feel that they are in a good enough financial position to even discuss the issue.

That's always struck me as a queer paradox, since, with each month's rent paid, they contribute to just such a financial position. Each rent paid reduces liquid assets by the amount of such rental, without increasing stable assets such as one does each time he makes a mortgage payment.

Did you ever try to fill a clay flower pot with water, only to see the water run out through the hole in the bottom? Well, a similar process takes place with liquid assets when they are poured into the "cost-of-living pot in the form of rent. The only way to win is to plug up that hole with the cork of home-ownership. Once that is done, the pot will soon fill up and the pouring can stop.

So, if you or any one of your friends are troubled with this flower-pot frustration, come in and see me - Maybe I can surprise you with an easy way for you to become a proud home-owner.

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HOW DO I KNOW I AM SAVED?

"I regularly attended a small town church until I moved away six years ago," Mrs. M. said to a pastor whom she had invited to her home to help her with a disturbing spiritual problem. She came quickly to her point. "Can I be certain I am saved?" she asked. Before he could answer she gave reason for the question: "Once I heard a Bible teacher say that we can never be sure; we'll have to wait until death to know."

The pastor's answer began with these words from the Bible: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

He continued, "You see this verse does not say perhaps, maybe, some of the time, or that you will have to wait until you die to find out. Instead, it says positively, 'Thou shalt be saved.'" Again and again the Bible states this clearly. Many other verses of assurance were quoted by the pastor, and she came to see clearly the reality of Christian assurance. She began eagerly to study what the Bible had to say on assurance, and was no longer disturbed by doubts as to the permanence of her salvation.

If one never has questions concerning his spiritual life he is an unusual person. Many faithful Christians have moments of uncertainty. For example Thomas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus, doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead, and is generally remembered for his doubting spirit, but after he met the risen Saviour in the upper room and had a deep personal experience, he no longer doubted (John 20:25-29).

Doubt may be dispelled by one's memory of his conversion. One man often said: "In my own life, when doubting shadows begin to fall across my mind, I rush my thoughts back to that night nearly forty years ago when, in the little white frame church building, I came face to face with Jesus Christ and gave myself to him in simple faith."

Mrs. M. again became a regular church attendant and a good student of the Bible in the Sunday school. A few months later, when the pastor again visited her, he found her radiant in her faith and happy in her Christian experience. She was no longer disturbed by those who said that a Christian could not be sure of his salvation, for she knew in whom she had believed, and was convinced that he was able to guard what she had committed to him, her very own self (2 Timothy 1:12).

A Baptist pastor will be glad if you will ask him to confer with you about any spiritual problem you may have. He will share with you what he has himself learned about how to solve it.

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