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Wilderness?

By BILL JENKINS

The legend of the long rifle still lives with us and if the figures have anything to prove on the good side of the ledger Oregon is richer by \$1,576,829 spent by hunters on licenses, tags, permits and stamps.

Figures released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show that 271,287 resident hunters bought licenses and 1,454 outsiders came across with the necessary fees to allow them to hunt. Add to this the \$1,280,512 spent on similar licenses by 326,329 resident and 29,032 non-resident fishermen and you can see that the call of the wild is still echoing in the far away places.

And yet Oregon didn't make the top ten states in either category. The big ten in hunting were Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, California, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Texas in that order. The toppers in the fishing category were California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Tennessee in like order.

Doing a little quick, and probably inaccurate, figuring I was led to the conclusion that while the spirit is there the area is shrinking in a rather alarming manner.

The state of Oregon draws a line around 96,313 square miles. The total water area of the state, not counting the waters of the Pacific Ocean, is 666 square miles.

Working from the basic figure I come up with the information that each hunter has .355 square miles in which to hunt. This works out at around 225 acres, using round figures, per gunner. The fishermen have a figure of .295 or about 185 acres per each.

This figure, mind you, is taken on the basis of the entire land area of the state. Now we all know that not all this area is hunting land. Or fishing. If you take only the water area and divide it by the number of resident fishermen you will come up, if you do it like I did, with a figure of .0187 square miles of water per fisherman. You can figure out the acres for yourself.

But, to get back to the long rifle: If we figured that half of the total area of the state could be considered as hunting territory then each licensed hunter would have about 112 acres all to himself to hunt over. This figure is probably pretty high. Let's say that a quarter of the total area is huntable. This reduces the figure to just over 30 acres per man.

And 30 acres is not a very big patch of land when you come right down to it. It would be a heck of an area if you had to mow a lawn that size, or cut the brush off it or plow it up with a horse-drawn sod buster. But when you are considering using a high power rifle on it the area shrinks down to almost nothing at all. A mere target range. You can shoot all the way across it with a 30-30 and not lose much trajectory. Viewed in this light a 30-06 or a .270 becomes a piece of ordnance, not just a rifle.

So far I have been unable to find a figure concerning the total miles of waterways, streams, rivers, etc. in the state. But if such a figure were available and was divided by the number of licensed fishermen I have an idea each man would have only a few feet of riverbank from which to cast. And not too many gallons of water to cast into.

Of course, what saves the situation is that not everyone goes hunting or fishing at the same time. That plus the fact that the wizards of Detroit have gotten the family car so low that much of the so-called back country is now inaccessible to our 350 horsepower cars saves the day.

But, anyway, it looks like Oregon, and all the other states, too, is a far cry from that place where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play.

If they play too heartily they are liable to jostle a nearby hunter.

And in spite of all this I was unable to track down a buck on my 50 acres of allotted hunting land last year. In fact, no tracks.

Anybody want to trade ground?

Mail Facts

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail.

That since Ireland lost its great oak forests, most shillies now come from Germany.

That there are more than 1,500,000 people named Smith in the United States . . . which probably explains why your neighbor

may prefer to be known as Synthe.

That a poll recently showed the average corporation president was 50 years old, a college graduate, earned \$68,000 a year . . . and his favorite card game was bridge. (Hope they never poll us poker players!)

That the reason playing cards are called "pasteboards" is . . . they are made by pasting together two thin sheets of specially treated paper.

That women's hosiery now comes in 450 tints and shades . . . and isn't that odd, considering . . . if a man buys a black car today they call him a show-off?

That smoking at one time was prohibited in New England taverns . . . today it's all you can do to keep some people from lighting up in church.

That probably the smallest religious sect in the country is the Society of Primitive Friends . . . it has fewer than a dozen members.

That Irwin H. Kramer of the Hotel Edison, after talking to 10,000 guests, has reached this conclusion: "People will believe anything . . . if you tell them it's a rumor."

That Utah has the highest birth rate . . . and the lowest death rate.

That if you're afraid of women you're suffering from gynephobia . . . if you're afraid of men you've got androphobia . . . and if you're afraid of both, you've probably got ulcers.

That woman may be long-winded, but it was a man named Clinton Lacy of West Richland, Wash., who once delivered a sermon that lasted 48 hours and 18 minutes.

That Japanese children often make pets of the dragonfly . . . which can fly 50 miles an hour and, because of its ability to hover over one spot is known as "nature's helicopter."

That it was William E. Woodward who observed, "Vanity is an impulse has without doubt been of far more benefit to civilization than modesty has ever been."

Dedicated Man

By JOE McDAVID

(United Press)

A former German butcher is carrying on a one man fight to help ex-convicts "go straight and become good citizens."

The former butcher is Leo Seligman. He uses human kindness and money out of his own pocket to rehabilitate former prisoners.

Seligman knows how it feels to be a "forgotten man." He spent 23 months in a Nazi concentration camp.

Today, about 500 former prisoners are paroled under his supervision. Another 200 or more look toward him as their greatest chance for eventual freedom.

It was in 1953 that Seligman, now a caterer at Memphis, Tennessee, first became interested in helping ex-cons.

Seligman learned of a man who had been in prison 29 years and was unable to win parole because he didn't have a sponsor.

The convict's mother had to pay \$40 to get a man to sign the sponsorship papers, and then her son had to work for the sponsor for \$10 a week.

The parolee got so discouraged, he attempted suicide.

Seligman went to the attorney general's office and signed papers to take over the man's sponsorship. He got him a job as an automobile mechanic, at \$60 a week.

Says Seligman, — "He is still

working, and he isn't on parole any more."

Every Sunday, Seligman visits the penal farm at Memphis. He carries candy and cookies to the inmates, writes letters for them and talks about their problems. Penal farm officials let him come and go as he pleases.

Twice each month he visits Fort Pillow State Prison in West Tennessee, and once a month, he goes to the state prison at Nashville in his attempt to help prisoners.

Seligman says relatives come to him and ask him to help someone who needs a second chance. "I can't turn them down," he says.

Seligman keeps a secretary busy writing letters about men behind bars, trying to have them paroled. His files are jammed with letters to prison officials and inmates. And they include letters from prison officials to Seligman praising his work, offering cooperation.

Often, Seligman will pick up a parolee at the gate, give him a coat if he needs one, buy him a bus ticket, and give him a few dollars spending money. He takes groceries to families of men in prison.

Of the 500 men he has helped, Seligman says 22 have let him down by violating paroles.

But, he adds, "ninety-five per cent can show you they are going straight. They go to church and are good citizens."

It's a costly operation. But as Seligman puts it, "It gives you a feeling you couldn't buy for a million dollars."

Big Move

By WALTER BREEDER JR.

NEW YORK — Big new government moves against recession began to take definite shape this week.

They included: More government spending on housing, guided missiles, river and harbor improvements, new roads. Also the possibility of an across-the-board cut in federal income taxes.

Among the economic hypos on hand, a tax cut looked like the fastest acting. It would put billions of extra spending dollars in consumers' pockets in the shortest possible time.

One thing was sure: Any of the proposed cuts — tax cuts, defense spending, public works or what have you — would cost money. Unavoidably they'd plunge the government deeper into debt.

According to those who usually make good guesses, antirecession remedies on the fire right now would increase the U.S. Treasury's deficit in the next fiscal year by as much as \$15 billion dollars.

Yet, there seemed to be no other way. Consumers and business firms had lost their boom-time appetite for going into hock, so Uncle Sam would have to make up the difference.

The consumer and his state of mind came under official scrutiny this week in a poll conducted for the Federal Reserve Board by the University of Michigan Survey Research Center. Here's what it showed:

Consumers are less confident about business than they were a year ago (actually they're less confident than at any time since 1948 when the survey started).

They plan to buy less furniture than last year — fewer houses, appliances and new cars.

They expect to buy more used cars than in 1957, and to spend just about as much as last year fixing up their present homes.

If the consumer is in a belt-tightening mood, big business

seems to be even more so. A government survey just out this week tells the story. U.S. business firms will spend 13 per cent less on new plant, machinery and equipment this year than in 1957. The proposed outlay — 32 billion dollars — compares with nearly 38 billions last year.

There's nothing new about business wanting to curb its capital expenditures this year. But, the latest survey shows, the 13 per cent drop is a lot bigger than government studies had indicated as recently as a few months ago.

During most of the booming postwar period a far-flung program of business expansion had bolstered the economy, devouring tons of steel, cement and other materials and providing millions of jobs. Hundreds of billions of dollars were spent on new factories, oil refineries, chemical plants, office buildings, warehouses, department stores and shopping centers.

Now the bonanza seems to have played itself out.

Vets Mail Bag

Veterans Administration has a compiled interesting facts about the agency, which has intimate contact with about 45 per cent of the nation's population.

There are more than 22,700,000 living veterans of the wars in which the United States has taken part. With their families they head, they constitute approximately 45 per cent of the nation's population.

More than 175,000 persons are employed by VA to provide the benefits the Congress has enacted for veterans and their families.

VA operates approximately 500 stations of all types in the U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone and Republic of the Philippines to do the job assigned to it by the Congress.

VA maintains more than 230,000,000 records to keep track of veterans and their families. More than 29,000,000 names are card-indexed in the agency's master file for quick reference.

VA provides hospital and domiciliary care for a daily average of 129,700 patients and domiciliary members in its 176 hospitals and domiciliaries, and in nearly 3,000 non-VA contact beds.

About 2,039,000 outpatient visitors receive medical annually from VA for service-connected disabilities; also some 82,000 dental examinations and 95,000 dental treatments are made annually.

Some six million World War I, II and Korean Conflict veterans hold insurance administered by VA worth \$4 billion dollars, in three separate programs.

Nearly 9,900,000 veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict period have received education, job training or farm training under programs administered by VA and the states.

About 665,000 seriously disabled veterans of World War II and Korea have undergone vocational rehabilitation under VA guidance and responsibility, to overcome handicaps of their disabilities so they may be employable again.

More than 5,400,000 veterans of the World War II and Korean periods have received GI home, farm and business loans valued at \$3.3 billion dollars under the two GI bills administered by VA.

The administrator of veterans affairs is guardian for 251,000 children and nearly 110,000 adult wards whose estates from VA payments total approximately a half-billion dollars.

Since the end of World War II, veterans and their families have made more than 138 million visits and 76 million telephone calls to VA contact representatives.

Compensation and pension payments totaling more than \$2.2 billion dollars annually, now are being made to 2,816,000 living veterans and to 870,000 dependents of deceased veterans.

VA annual expenditures for benefits and services to veterans and their families under laws enacted by Congress total approximately 4.9 billion dollars. The total budget involves expenditures only authorized under laws enacted by the Congress relating to veterans benefits.

Quotes

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON — Army Secretary Wilbur Brucker, on Secretary of State Dulles' statement that he expects Russia to beat this country to the moon.

"They'll have to hustle if they get there first."

PANMUNJON — Capt. Leon Pfeiffer of Kenosha, Wis., after being released unharmed by the Communists from 10 days of captivity that began when his jet was shot down over North Korea.

"I have a wonderful feeling to be back. I am very tired."

They'll Do It Every Time

By JIMMY HATLO



Senate Sets Slower Pace

WASHINGTON — The Senate set a slower pace for itself this week after a series of overtime sessions to handle antirecession and other legislation.

Last week's activities included a special money bill, major housing legislation, two resolutions calling for more civil and military public works spending, and an insurance tax bill through which senators tried unsuccessfully to cut personal income and excise taxes.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson pushed the Senate to act on them so the House will have time to act before a 10-day Easter recess April 3. The drive brought overtime sessions for five consecutive nights.

The Senate begins this week with passage of minor bills under a unanimous consent routine. An objection by one senator blocks approval of any bill, but others are disposed of rapidly.

Johnson hopes to handle the first of the regular annual appropriation bills, providing \$4,108,108,000 for the Treasury and Post Office departments, during the week.

Johnson also pressed a Senate-House conference committee to reach a compromise on a \$2,869,406,408 supplemental appropriation bill currying funds for use prior to June 30. It includes extra money for soil bank payments.

Johnson said the Senate will begin consideration next week of a stepped-up federal highway program.

Hoop Victory Sparks Fete

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. (U.P.) — Strange things are happening in this small community at the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Four senior girls at Harbor Springs High School had their hair dyed orange and black, four women teachers had their dyed a fiery red and five men teachers had new brush cuts.

And that's not all—the floor of a favorite town dance hall has settled four inches.

The event that touched off this bizarre course of events is the school's basketball team which advanced to the state quarter-finals in the Class C Tournament Saturday night after a so-so 12-5 season's record.

The excitement reached fever pitch when the team defeated Traverse City St. Francis 63-47 at nearby Petoskey.

Two Harbor Springs fire trucks picked the team up and brought it back to town where sirens wailed, horns blared and fireworks went off as most of the town's 1,412 residents turned out to cheer in subfreezing weather.

The celebration was climaxed by a dance at a vacant restaurant. But, unaccustomed to the weight of some 200 persons, a cedar post bracing the floor began to creak. The celebrants evacuated the place.

The floor had sunk four inches by the time the last of the merry-makers got out and moved to the high school gymnasium where the celebration continued.

The four girls who dyed their hair the school colors vow they won't change it until the team has won or lost the championship.

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MRS. DONALD PINSKA, a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in art education, and qualified in the mediums of water color, sculpturing and other crafts will teach a class in art for children, 6 to 12 years old at the Klamath Art Center, on Saturdays, beginning March 29.

Ex-Lobbyist Leaves Prison

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.) — Artie Samish, who once boasted he was the "secret boss of California," came home on parole last night but he no longer was his once garrulous self.

Still weighing nearly 300 pounds, the former lobbyist said only "It's good to be out." He had served 26 months of a three-year sentence in McNeil Island Federal Prison in Washington. He was convicted of income tax evasion.

Several years ago Samish boasted to a magazine reporter "I am the governor of the Legislature of the State of California" because of his campaign contributions to candidates of both parties. That led to an investigation of his lobbying activities and income.

He was reputed to have paid the government nearly \$750,000 in settlement of income tax claims and penalties.

Bus Passengers Escape Plunge

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (U.P.) — A bus and a car collided in a rain storm a few miles north of San Diego yesterday, throwing the bus to the edge of a 40-foot embankment.

The bus' 30 passengers escaped while the vehicle teetered on the edge of the embankment.

One person riding in the car was killed and four others were injured in the collision on Highway 101 north of Solana Beach. Two of the injured were aboard the bus.

Dead is Stanley B. Rossi, 31, Long Beach, Calif.

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Business Area Razed By Fire

CLEARWATER, Fla. (U.P.) — A spectacular fire raged through most of a city block of stores here today, causing damage estimated at least 1 1/2 million dollars.

It was brought under control three hours after its discovery at 1:26 a.m.

Three stores, a stock brokerage office and a supermarket were destroyed.

A fire wall in the office of the brokerage firm prevented the fire from spreading to other stores and a four-story department store, one of the largest stores in this area.

Mayor Lewis Homer, who made the damage estimate, said the fire was the worst in the history of Clearwater, a west Florida Gulf Coast city of 40,000.

Equipment from five neighboring cities, including Tampa and St. Petersburg, rushed to aid the Clearwater Fire Department.

There were no injuries. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

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