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Here And There

By BILL JENKINS

Research seems to be the key word nowadays. That and magnum.

Things have to be newer and bigger.

The latest burble from this direction comes from the American Meteorological Society, Oregon Branch, in the form of an appeal for the inclusion in college curriculums of courses in meteorology.

The pitch being that this science can be of vital importance to agriculture, forestry, commerce, industry and recreation.

Since mankind seems determined to hurl itself into the cosmos I suppose it would be well if some knowledge were available. Sort of a super, or magnum, case of looking before you leap.

It is surprising that the society would place recreation at the bottom of the list. Or perhaps this is a case of "last but not least." I don't know about the aids to recreation to be found unless it would be in more accurate forecasting of the weather, but let that go.

It does bring to mind, however, the persistent theory that man's inhumanity to man will not be resolved until we have weather control of some kind.

Speaking as a small, pear shaped globe of the human race I would like to make the timid declaration that I'm against it. I can't think of anything more unpleasant than having someone else select my pleasant weather for me.

I happen to like it on the coolish side. Lots of people like it hot. Some like it wet. Some dry. There are even a few misfits who like fog.

Plus the fact that weather control would immediately become an international problem of no mean proportions. The struggle for the so-called perfect climate would be much more savage than previous battles for gold, power or a place in the sun.

I suppose that courses in meteorology would be all right, but when and if they get too close to the point of perfecting weather control then stop the world and let me off.

On a more cheerful subject it might be noted that down in California the bird hunters had it rich last year. On such species as pheasant, quail, dove, chukar partridge, sage hens, grouse and jacksnipe the percentage was up across the board. Hunters also did better on jackrabbits, cottontails and geese and ducks.

Only thing that went down was deer. Last year there were 58,660 bucks taken in comparison to 65,314 in 1957. A decline of some 10 percent.

Oddly enough the lowly dove led the list with a total bag of 3,399,100 reported kill. Chukars led the percentage gains in upland birds with a total kill of 28,000 as compared to 17,400 in 1957, a gain of 287 percent.

It looks like a good year.

The state line road these days is loaded with honker broods. Not loaded, maybe, but almost any day you go down you can see better than two dozen broods riding along the road. Young birds are getting good sized and picking up color.

D. A. Salary

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The letter from Mr. W. A. Westover Monday pointedly demanded a reply on the salary paid to our present District Attorney Arthur Beddoe.

His figures are absolutely correct. Beddoe will receive a salary of \$13,320 for the coming fiscal year.

He is the highest paid district attorney in the state of Oregon.

The situation came about because of a law passed by the recent Legislature. Net effect of the law was to raise the state-paid salary of the district attorney from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Along with the raise was the stipulation that, in receiving the \$10,000, the district attorney must not have any private practice.

Meantime, the county had been supplementing the district attorney's salary.

Last year, for instance, they added \$3,320 to his salary, which with the \$6,000 of the state brought his salary to \$9,320.

When the state raised its salary for the district attorney from \$6,000 to \$10,000, the county court did not then decrease its supplement.

As a matter of fact, in the budget for the new fiscal year the county budget committee has included the same figure \$9,320 as a supplement for the district attorney.

The net result is a \$4,000 raise for the district attorney and will give him a salary of \$13,320 for the coming year.

Now, is the wage raise justified?

Those opposed say that it makes Beddoe the highest paid district attorney in the state of Oregon.

That's true. At present, Charles Raymond, Multnomah County district attorney, is paid \$11,000. In addition, he is not permitted to have a private practice.

Clackamas, Lane and Marion counties pay their district attorneys \$10,000.

How does this figure compare with other salaries paid?

Well, the circuit judge for instance in Klamath County gets only \$13,000 which is \$320 less than Beddoe would receive.

The district judge, who is paid by the county, will receive \$8,000, which is \$5,320 less than Beddoe. District Judge Van Vactor did not receive an increase in the new budget.

Moving the comparison up to the state level, we find there is only one state official making more than Beddoe, and that is the governor, who is paid \$17,500.

The chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and the associate justices of the Supreme Court each receive \$16,000.

But right after these individuals comes Beddoe at a salary of \$13,320.

The secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general, for instance, each receive \$12,500, or \$820 a year less than Beddoe.

The labor commissioner and superintendent of public instruction each receive \$11,500, which is \$1,820 less than Beddoe's salary.

When I first heard of the large salary, I asked County Judge Bob Walker about it. He explained that it was the thinking of the budget committee that they had changed the rules on Beddoe during the middle of his term.

He explained this, saying that last year Beddoe received \$9,320 and could have private practice. If we dropped the supplement, he continued, it would mean that Beddoe's salary would be raised \$600 but he would not be able to have private practice. When Beddoe accepted the office, Walker pointed out, the DA was permitted private practice.

I inquired as to how much money the DA had made from private practice last year. Walker didn't know. I asked whether or not it might be pertinent for the budget committee to ask to see Beddoe's income tax return from last year.

Conceivably, if the new move would work a financial loss on the district attorney, then some adjustment should be made.

Walker agreed, but later I had a telephone call from Beddoe in which he expressed the conviction that his income tax return was the concern of no one else.

He has a point, but it should have been incumbent upon the budget committee to reduce or eliminate the supplement of \$3,320 unless Beddoe could show proof that it injured him financially.

On the other hand, Beddoe pointed out that the rigors of his job were many, calling for duty at almost any time of night or day.

He also emphasized that his administration had been saving money for the county in that old cases where conviction was highly questionable were discarded, and new cases were being won instead of being lost.

His argument was that it is necessary to pay a good salary to the office of district attorney in order that competent, qualified men will seek the post.

He contrasted his administration with that of Frank Alderson and pointed to court costs under both regimes.

He also stated that eliminating

private practice would mean a financial loss to him, and that if the salary were limited to \$10,000 he would be forced to resign the job.

It's a far cry admittedly, from the \$4,500 paid by the state to Frank Alderson in 1954, to the \$13,320 to be paid to Arthur Beddoe during the coming year.

To be making \$13,320 in private practice, Beddoe would have to have a thriving law business grossing between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, at best estimates.

In 1954 we were urging that the district attorney's salary be raised to the \$10,000 level to gain competent, qualified lawyers for the post.

Today, we've not only reached but considerably surpassed that \$10,000 mark.

In light of other salaries in the state, it would seem sufficient that the salary for the office be limited to \$10,000 without additional supplement of tax money from the county budget committee.

I don't think much argument will arise from the \$10,000 figure, but \$13,320 does seem excessive in view of salaries paid other DA's and state officials.

This adjustment may still be made. The official hearing on the budget is set for 10 a.m. on Friday, June 26, in the county courtroom. The budget committee may yet see fit to investigate this phase of the budget a bit more closely.

Dogs

By FLORENCE JENKINS

More and more people with purebred dogs are moving into the Klamath Basin.

Klamath Falls each year has the second leg of a four-event all-breed dog show which is called the Cal-Ore circuit. It starts on the Friday before Labor Day at Redding. The Klamath Falls event is held the Saturday before Labor Day; Sunday's show is at Medford and it winds up at Eugene on Monday.

The other three showings combine two types of competition—conformation and obedience as defined by American Kennel Club rules. Up to this year, Klamath Falls has not had obedience competition.

Where conformation and obedience are held at the same show, registered dogs may be entered in conformation competition only, or in both. It is a case of judging for beauty and brains, respectively.

Conformation (beauty) points are accumulated for championship rating. In obedience trials, the American Kennel Club awards titles, Companion Dog (CD), Utility Dog (UD), and Tracking Dog (TD). Top rating is usually listed as UDT, Utility Dog, Tracking.

If you entered a purebred dog in the all-breed show here last Labor Day weekend and he didn't win any points, maybe he is smarter than he is pretty. Obedience classes are being started Monday evening by a small group of local dog owners who have no ulterior motive other than to get obedience trials included in the annual show.

The classes are going to be held out of doors, weather permitting, near the arena building. There is ample free parking for any number of cars. Mrs. Erwin Brooks, who regularly shows her Welsh Terriers and owns a German short-haired pointer who has earned his CD title, will instruct. Co-chairman is Mrs. Roy Birdsong, owner of Miniature Schnauzers and Boxers.

Another nice thing—the classes are free. Seven p.m. Monday is starting time for the first one.

Taxes
By NELSON REED
Most of us realize that our taxes are painful, to say the least but

we wonder if many of us know just how bad the "bite" is? The average American man who is now 25, can look forward to paying taxes totaling a minimum of \$47,221 or 25.3 per cent of his earnings in the 36 years remaining of his working life, according to Commerce Clearing House, national reporting authority on tax and business law.

During these years taxes will take approximately \$5.05 for every working day, on the average, or \$25.23 a week or \$1,311.79 a year.

The survey showed Mr. Average Taxpayer as having an annual income of \$5,183, a wife and two children, a low priced car and a mortgaged home, the latter taxed at \$214 a year. Taxwise he is getting farther behind. In 1951, 22 per cent of his future earnings were scheduled for absorption by taxes, while in 1959 the figure is 25.3 per cent.

In spite of this you have no doubt read that Uncle Sam is in a bad way. The Treasury Department has had to ask that the debt limit be increased and is requesting an increase in the bond interest they can offer on new issues in order that they may sell long term bonds in competition in the money market.

Someone has said that capital punishment is when the government taxes you to get capital in order to go in business in competition with you, and then taxes the profits on your business in order to pay its losses.

Let's stop kidding ourselves that we are getting something for nothing when we ask for federal participation or we beg for so-called outright federal grants. You would be surprised how much rubs off your tax dollar while it travels from here to Washington and back.

The Almanac
Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 175th day of the year, with 190 more days to follow in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning star is Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter.

On this date in history:

In 1497, John Cabot became the first European, since the days of the Norsemen, to sight the mainland of the North American continent.

In 1647, Margaret Brent—possibly the first suffragette in America—appeared before the Maryland Assembly to demand a voice and a vote in that body. The Assembly was shocked.

In 1813, Henry Ward Beecher, later a celebrated preacher was born.

In 1863, Confederate Troops under General Robert E. Lee crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, to begin their invasion of Pennsylvania.

In 1947, the first "flying saucers" were reported, near Mount Rainier, Washington.

In 1948, Russia began the Berlin blockade.

Thought for today: The Roman poet, Juvenal, said: "No man ever became extremely wicked all at once."

Quotes
United Press International
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Christian Herter, asserting that the United States will not compromise on Western rights to stay in Berlin:
"Our fate and the fate of the people of West Berlin and that of the free people everywhere are linked together. When their freedom is diminished, our freedom is inevitably diminished."

HOLLYWOOD — Coroner Theodore J. Curphy, after a second autopsy on television Superman George Reeves:
"From these findings, coupled with reports supplied to this office by the police, it is my opinion that the wound was self-inflicted."

VOSSSTRAND, Norway — Mrs. J. R. Miller of Birmingham, Ala., a survivor of a hotel fire here which killed possibly 24 persons, mostly Americans:
"We heard people screaming from different parts of the hotel. It was all like a nightmare. Everybody was panic-stricken, running in different directions. After we finally got out, we observed many of the guests running toward a nearby woods, dressed in their nightclothes."

WASHINGTON — Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida reporting that President Eisenhower advised him and eight other governors to stay in a good humor during their trip to Russia:
"I told him that if they don't say anything bad about Robert E. Lee I won't say anything bad about Lenin."

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4-H NEWS

Thirty-eight boys and girls from Klamath County left by bus Saturday for Corvallis to attend the annual 4-H Summer School on the campus of Oregon State College.

Accompanying the group were Mrs. Charles Thurman, 4-H Club leader from the Altamont area, Francis Skinner, county extension agent in 4-H Club work.

The summer school delegates are attending classes in home economics and agriculture and other topics related to their 4-H projects. They are housed in dormitories and sorority and fraternity houses, and have an opportunity to meet and share activities with boys and girls in all other counties in Oregon. Four-H leaders and county extension agents serve as chaperons for the living groups and activities and young men and women of college age serve as counselors.

Special programs for the one week session include a church service planned and carried out by 4-H members, a smokeless smoker for boys and a pajama party for girls, the annual Oregon Bankers' Association evening program, annual 4-H parties and dances, and the 4-H Radio and TV Revue.

The climax of the summer school will be the Centennial Pageant and Candle Lighting Service on Friday evening. Several of the Klamath County boys and girls will be participating in this pageant. The

Water Group Tells Goals

PORTLAND (AP) — Comprehensive development of all water and land resources will be the goal of the River Resource Assn. of the Pacific Northwest, a group springing from the National Hells Canyon Assn.

The Hells Canyon Assn., unsuccessful so far in its fight for construction of a high dam by the federal government in Hells Canyon, said Monday it has changed its name and broadened its scope.

It said it will back research in to passage of fish over high dams, and favor suspension of Nez Perce Dam planning until fish problems are solved.

And not forgetting Hells Canyon, the association said it has adopted a resolution calling for a study of construction of a high dam on the Snake River.

James T. Marr, Oregon AFL-CIO executive secretary, is president of the association.

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TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Suburban Sylvania firemen, burning an old barn to test their techniques, scored better in arson than in fire-fighting. Touched off when fireman Ken Ehrsam sloshed gasoline about and ignited it, flames destroyed the barn in 15 minutes flat—while the firemen fought hard to control the blaze.

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