

# Tulelake Growers Speak Out On Water Level Issue

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Statements appearing in some of the news regarding the Tulelake water situation and its application to the hunting of waterfowl in the Basin have depicted the Tulelake farmer as the big man with the stick who wants to destroy the Pacific Flyway.

In the lines which follow, we hope to prove that these statements are distorted and that there is a real problem which must be worked out between all parties concerned without hysteria or pressure and in line with sound waterfowl and land use practices.

We do not believe that this is primarily a problem between the sportsman and the farmer. Many times each year our farmers, many of them, assume the role of sportsman or hunter just as the city resident who once or twice a year assembles his hunting equipment and comes to Tulelake to test his skill.

Many of the farmers living in Tulelake will tell you that there has been very little money made in farming lately but that the opportunity to hunt birds in their back yard each fall is one of the big inducements which keeps them here. So the farmer is just as much interested in maintaining this valuable sport at its highest level.

He looks forward to the hunting season as the time when his friends will come up and share

in this sport with him. At this point the farmer-hunter becomes a guide as well as a host to the city hunter, and very often the farmer furnishes room and board, fields to hunt in, including blinds, decoys, etc. His pay, the pleasure and satisfaction of the mutual friendship.

Both the city dweller who comes to Tulelake to hunt and the farmer who lives here among the ducks and geese and who provides considerable amount of feed pay the same license fee for the privilege to hunt migratory birds. Both are subject to the same bag limits as prescribed by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Perhaps at times both wonder what the USFWS does with their license fees, and what the USFWS gives them in return for this license fee. Both expect the hunting to be good, and expect the agency taking their license fee money will provide the facilities for good hunting.

From here on the similarity between these two hunters becomes somewhat different. The farmer knows that before he can get any irrigation water for next year's crop he will be required to pay a water charge of six dollars per acre, and he knows that a part of this is spent by his district in controlling the water levels in the Tulelake Sump, pumping, dike building, drainage, etc. If he is going to be expected to pay the cost of operating and maintaining these facilities, and some of these costs are accrued in order to provide

water habitat for migratory fowl, he would like to have his district considered as a full partner with the privilege to negotiate policies which maintain and operate these facilities in line with good land use and water management.

The farmer and his district believe that these policies should be flexible in order to meet conditions as they develop from year to year. Operation of the sump at the present high levels prescribed by the Fish and Wildlife Service will double the farmers' flood hazard and increase the operating costs to his district.

For many years the elevation of the lake bottom has been building up and on several occasions the USFWS has raised the prescribed water levels in the sump as a means of compensating for the gradual buildup without first consulting with the district board and arranging to share the additional cost of operation or without concern for the additional flood hazards that are created. The farmer wonders how long he will be saddled with continually higher water levels to compensate for this gradual buildup so that the hunters who use the sump as their hunting grounds may reach their favorite spot with little or no effort. The farmer believes that through better management, filling in of the lake bottom could have been held to a minimum.

Perhaps it is right for the Fish and Wildlife Service to take most of the credit for the good hunting

conditions at Tulelake. However, in the California portion, there are 9,000 acres of public land set aside for hunting, whereas privately owned land provides some 45,000 acres of hunting area. We believe that the farmer and the private landowner is providing some of the finest and most used hunting grounds. The primary object of the Fish and Wildlife Service appears to be that of bird protection, as they plant some 2,500 acres to grain which is not open to hunting. This grain is not harvested but is left for bird feed and holds the birds in areas that are closed to hunting.

The farmer further believes that the Fish and Wildlife Service could do a lot to improve hunting conditions at Tulelake by opening up more of its land to hunting and that other portions of the refuge might be more effective for hunting than some of those now open.

The sportsmen and farmers also question why the U.S. bag limits are continually restricted, whereas in Mexico, which is also encompassed in the Pacific Flyway, there are fewer regulations on bag limit and the commercial hunting of the birds is still practiced.

The farmer-hunter would like to see the USFWS take some of his hunting license fees and use it to provide more and better hunting areas. If hunting on the Tulelake Sump must be maintained, the USFWS might also open up channels through the tules to these choice hunting areas.

The farmer's costs are continually rising, whereas the prices he receives for his commodities are increasing very slowly if at all. Therefore his net income has been decreasing for several years. He is therefore very much interested in having his water district and the Fish and Wildlife Service work out a division of these costs which accrue primarily for providing better hunting facilities.

He too wants to see good hunting at Tulelake and believes that his hunting license fee might be put with that of the city dweller to provide some of these things which makes for better waterfowl habitat and good hunting.

A person who loves migratory waterfowl will enjoy a trip through the refuge during the hunting season. When he drives through the refuge and sees the millions of birds feeding there, the farmer and hunter wonder if the water levels in the sump have really had much effect, from a disastrous standpoint, on the Pacific Flyway which normally has a population of from eight to 10 million migratory birds.

We are told that there was a reduction of hatch of some 13,000 birds this year on the refuge and that botulism caused another loss of 2,000 birds. These figures perhaps seem quite startling at first glance but after you have figured this out mathematically, we find that it is a very small fraction of one per cent of the birds in the Pacific Flyway, actually .002 per cent of one per cent.

The farmer being familiar with breeding problems and fluctuations in normal losses in nature wonders if perhaps this isn't a normal situation among waterfowl just as it is in all other forms of animal life. Then, when he is told there was a reduction in the bird hatch over the entire Pacific Flyway hatching areas, the farmer wonders if normal weather and climatic conditions are not largely responsible for the smaller hatch at Tulelake also.

At the time the Tulelake Irrigation District was organized the farmer was told that his district contract specifically provides that problems pertaining to migratory waterfowl management will be worked out through negotiation and in consultation with his district. If these consultations were held and the bird losses were still too great, isn't it possible that someone other than his water district made some mistakes?

The farmer also wonders why the USFWS insisted on raising the water level so rapidly during the nesting season, and if all of the directives issued to his district are in accordance with the district contract? The farmer is apt to be the first one to agree that there is room for good hunting and good farming in Tulelake and that the medium through which this may be achieved is through sincere negotiations and bargaining between his district and the various agencies involved.

He expects his elected district officials to operate the facilities of the district in an efficient manner in line with good water management which will result in the greatest agricultural economy for the Basin consistent with the terms of his contract.

He also expects the representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service to counsel and negotiate with his district officials on matters pertaining to waterfowl habitat and management.

He knows that the problems pertinent to the development of the Basin which will provide for the best land use and the best migratory waterfowl habitat and management are very complex, that these problems can and will be worked out to the best advantage of all, through conscientious planning and negotiation. Such negotiations are best carried out in the absence of pressure groups and high emotions, and by group consideration of all the facts.



THE BOARD of directors of the Tulelake Growers Association at a recent meeting worked out plans for an all-out drive to recruit new members. This will be the first effort to build up membership in the association since the end of the five-year membership plan started in 1953. Seated, left to right, Herbert Kirby, new director from the west side; Burris Short, George Fabianek, secretary-treasurer; Wilbur Edwards, vice president; Elnor E. Olson, not present for the picture is the new director from the Coppock Bay district.

— Photo by Jerry Ternus

## U.S. Scribe To Be Tried By Tribunal

HAVANA (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro announced early today that Miami Herald reporter James Buchanan will be tried by a "revolutionary tribunal" which could sentence him to death.

In a four-hour television speech, Castro rejected appeals from the Inter-American Press Association for the release of Buchanan, who was arrested in the hotel room of prison fugitive Austin Young.

Authorities in Pinar del Rio province had asked the Supreme Court to decide whether Buchan-

an should be tried by a court martial or a civil court which could not impose the death sentence.

Castro said Buchanan will be tried on charges of complicity in Young's escape from Pinar del Rio prison a week ago Tuesday night, 36 hours before he was recaptured in the hotel room where Buchanan was arrested about two hours later.

The premier rejected an appeal from William Cowles, editor of the Spokane Spokesman - Review and president of the IAPA, who had argued that Buchanan should be freed because he had committed no crime.

"How can the IAPA say from abroad that its information shows the newsmen is blameless?..." Castro demanded. "We have

proof of his complicity, so the least they (IAPA officials) can expect is that he will be tried."

"This newspaper man will go before the revolutionary tribunals. . . The courts will decide according to the proofs before them, and then will take corresponding action. Meanwhile, they will have to wait."

The premier charged that Buchanan paid Young's hotel bill and furnished other aid to the fugitive, who had been sentenced to serve 30 years in prison for "organizing an armed anti-government conspiracy."

Buchanan told army intelligence agents when he was arrested that he paid the hotel bill with money given him by Young. He said the only other aid he gave the fugitive was to buy an elastic bandage for his ankle, injured in the prison break.

The Miami reporter came to Havana the day after Young escaped to check a telephoned tip on his whereabouts. He interviewed Young in the hotel room, and filed the story before he was arrested.

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## BASIN BRIEFS

**Burney Guests**—at the home of Charles Demick last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Salve Bue, brother-in-law and sister of Dr. Gregg Hawkins and Mrs. Demick of Alturas.

**Weekend Guests**—of the Arnold Criss family of Macdoel were Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Gordon, Dunsmuir.

**Dinner Guests**—Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Criss and family of Macdoel were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Criss and family, also of Macdoel.

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**Spend Weekend**—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Funderburg and family of Weaverville, California, spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cacka Sr., Macdoel.

**Guests**—of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dysert, Macdoel, were Mr. and Mrs. Russell McFall of Tulelake, last Monday and Tuesday.

**Trip**—Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson, Macdoel, spent last Wednesday in Reno and Thursday at Lake Tahoe.

**Hiro Moto Namba**—prepared sukiyaki for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ross and family last Sunday. The group ate the meal Japanese style, on the floor. Additional dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Clark, Namba is in this country on a three-year work basis from Japan.

**Smorgasbord**—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan held a pre-Christmas smorgasbord last Sunday at their home in Mount Hebron in honor of the Mt. Hebron Ranger Station's staff. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Reames, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arrasin, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Longmore. All the guests were from the Macdoel and Mt. Hebron area.

**NEARLY UNMASKED**  
COLUMBIA, S. C. (UPI)—A little girl whose family moved here recently from the New York area had this question after paying a visit to a local department store Santa Claus: "If he comes from so far north, how come he's got such a southern accent?"

## Hollywood Men Reluctant To Play Opposite Marilyn

By VERNON SCOTT  
UPI Hollywood Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Marilyn Monroe proved today she still has the capacity for setting Movie-land on its ear. This time it is an uproar over a leading man for her new movie.

The blonde glamour girl arrived here more than a month ago to co-star with Gregory Peck in a film modestly titled "The Billionaire," since changed to "Let's Make Love."

She was accompanied by husband Arthur Miller and drama coach Paula Strasberg. Miller came along to rewrite his wife's role. Paula made the trip to keep a sharp eye on Marilyn's camera angles on the set.

Peck, who had future commitments, didn't like the idea of a rewritten script. It figured Peck couldn't help but come off second best with Marilyn's role being fattened by her own husband.

Then, too, la Monroe specializes in being late. Both she and Peck began dance rehearsals, but time dragged by without a camera cranking. Peck gave up in disgust and begged off — after learning a few simple dance routines.

Undaunted, Marilyn continued to rehearse her musical numbers without a leading man.

Charlton Heston's name came up as a suitable co-star for the curvaceous sex goddess. On second thought the powers that be decided a man who had played Moses in "The Ten Commandments" and the title role in "Ben-Hur" shouldn't be playing love-boy to Marilyn.

In a flash of boxoffice brilliance the brass chose Rock Hudson, beefcake king of the movies, to star with Marilyn.

But Hudson is under contract to Universal-International, and that studio bombed the project from the beginning, refusing Marilyn's offer to star in a future picture for U-I.

Those close to the scene know that Marilyn is difficult to work with. She demands — and gets — retakes whenever she feels a scene isn't right. She has a tough time remembering lines. She is chronically late. She plays the role of "movie star" to the hilt.

Stars Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, who worked with her in "Some Like It Hot," swear they will never appear with her again. Director Billy Wilder, a good-natured little man, was distraught throughout the picture. They all had one compensation. The picture was a hit.

Producer Jerry Wald, who admits Marilyn's new film will be at least a month late in starting, says, "she is not temperamental. She's the most cooperative girl I ever worked with."

Now rumor has it Marilyn may back out of the project altogether unless a co-star is found soon.

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