

Urges Game Safeguards In Graze Law

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 Wild Life Conservation Advocate
 Points Out Federal Act Needs State Supplement to Retain Protection; Asks Oregon Action

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Convinced that Oregon's wild life conservationists were caught asleep at the switch, Arthur N. Pack said here today that organization of grazing districts in the state under the Taylor grazing act is being completed without wild life representation.

Himself one of the authors of the New Mexico plan for regulation of grazing on the public domain and president of the American Nature association, as well as editor of Nature Magazine, Pack is fully conversant with the situation.

With a sly little chuckle, he said: "In New Mexico we thought we'd performed quite a feat when we got sheep and cattle raisers together without any shooting, but we also got wild life representatives in on our boards. There was never any question about it; they were in from the first. Here the wild life conservationists have sat aloof and if they don't wake up pretty soon it will be too late.

Must Safeguard Game

"If the sheepmen and the cattlemen divide up all the range, where are the wild animals going to go?" he asked. "We have to make provision for them as well."

Oregon at present is considering the New Mexico plan of organization, among others, but Pack is not interested in what plan is selected, as long as there is representation of all interests on the district grazing boards.

The problem of conservation is so complex, Pack declared, that it rarely receives the consideration it deserves. Bonneville dam, widely heralded as a conservation project, he cited as an example.

"There has not been sufficient study as to whether the \$200,000,000 salmon industry will be destroyed by the navigation and conservation projects on the Columbia," he declared. "Construction of large dams and other obstructions in the river will probably wipe out the spring Chinook salmon run eventually, if adequate means of preserving it are not devised."

To Educate Public

Purpose of the American Nature association, of which he and his father are founders and which both of them have endowed, is to educate the general public to the meaning of conservation of natural resources and to foster that preservation, Pack said. Most of this educational work is being done through the schools.

"Pollution of the Willamette river is an excellent example of the need for education," he said. "If school children are educated in the need for conservation and what it means, when they grow up they won't be too busy or too uninformed to understand the serious hazard that river pollution offers to their fishing industry."

Motion pictures also have been used extensively in the society's education campaigns and Pack, with the man who later became his father-in-law, W. L. Finley of Jennings Lodge, has made several field trips to obtain wild life pictures.

Among their excursions have been two to Alaska, two to the Rockies and one to the Southwestern states.

Headquarters of the nature association are in Washington, D. C., but Pack's home address is Abiquiu, N. M., and he'll bet any stranger he can't spell it. He's here now to attend the Society of American Foresters meeting at the Multnomah hotel, of which he is a member, but at home he operates a 35,000-acre ranch and "dude" ranch. There has been no AAA plowing under of "dudes" yet, so he has concentrated on them the last few years.

"There's been more cash value in dudes than beef lately," he explained.

NATURALIST TO SPEAK

William L. Finley, naturalist, will address members of the 381st infantry reserve officers on "Conservation of Wild Life in Oregon," at a noon luncheon in the Meier & Frank tearoom. An announcement states that all branches of the service are invited.

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Conservationist



Arthur N. Pack, president of the American Nature association, who beards both lions and legislators in their dens for purpose of conserving the nation's natural resources.

NATURALIST SEES POLLUTION ISSUE

Soiling of Oregon Streams Held Vital Matter

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Stream pollution in Oregon is a live issue, Arthur N. Pack, president of the American Nature association, has found, he said upon his arrival here yesterday. By the same token, he added, wild life conservation is in people's minds.

Mr. Pack is a naturalist by avocation, as he would be, of course, since he is Bill Finley's son-in-law. And Bill is one of Oregon's best-known conservationists.

His business is ranching. Several thousand acres in New Mexico is the home of Ghost ranch, where Mr. Pack struggles along with cattle and turns a doubtful asset into a going concern with "dudes" on the side.

Pack to Attend Meetings

The American Nature association has headquarters in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Pack attends to its functions as the need arises.

"People are not conscious of the tremendous losses to the state due to stream pollution, for instance," said Mr. Pack. "Unless we teach him the relationship of the natural resources to his very existence, the average citizen cannot be induced to take a great deal of interest in conservation matters because he doesn't understand them."

While here Mr. Pack will participate in meetings of the Western Forestry and Conservation association and of the Society of American Foresters in Portland next week.

Dude Rancher



Arthur N. Pack runs a combined cattle and dude ranch in New Mexico as a business, heads the American Nature association on the side. He is visiting relatives and attending conservation meetings in Portland.