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## REPORTING ON TIMBER

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Casual reading of the recent report by regional foresters of the U. S. Forest Service, stating that Douglas fir sawmills in Oregon and Washington will last 46 years at the present rate of cutting, might lull some persons into false beliefs. More thorough study reveals that the report contains many "ifs" and is predicated upon better utilization, sustained yield operation, specialized manufacture and many other factors, some of which we have been urging in this column for several years.

The Douglas fir region, it is stated, is overcutting at the rate of only 3.4 per cent annually. At first glance this would seem to allay all cause for alarm. But the report goes on to point out that:

Certain newer production areas in Western Oregon are also tending toward excessive plant capacities. This will result in overcutting certain stands of privately owned timber, overbuilding of towns and communities and eventual sloughing off of business and population.

That "sloughing off of business and population" means host towns. It means that communities which fail to place their resources on a sustaining operation will follow the path of thousands of other communities which have flourished briefly and then faded away as the industry moved to newer fields.

### Access Roads Are Essential

The report does not mention access roads, but the quoted figures show the crying need for a road structure which will open publicly owned timber lands to permit forest management on a more balanced scale.

Minor improvement in obtaining balance is shown in comparison of the 1944 cut with that of 1947. In 1944, for instance, 79 per cent of the cut came from private lands and 21 per cent from national forests and other publicly owned timber. In 1947 this had improved to the point where 2 per cent was from private lands and 28 per cent from public lands.

But what was not shown was the nearing exhaustion of private timber in many localities. Had more privately owned timber been available the percentage figure for 1947 doubtless would have been even worse than that of 1944.

During the past few months several large mills in the Columbia area have been closed because of an exhausted supply of raw material. Yet only a few miles away may be found thousands of acres of untouched national forest timber, inaccessible because of the lack of roads.

Nor does the report show the very sorry picture of the roads being made on second growth fir timber. Even here in Douglas County, where we have an abundance of mature second growth timber stands, many mills are working in second growth fir—trees which would have far greater merchantable value if left unmolested for another 20 or 30 years.

One purpose of the proposed cooperative sustained yield program is to bring about a better balance between cuttings from federally owned and privately owned timber. But before this balance can be achieved it will be necessary that we have many more miles of access roads. Trunkline access roads are expensive to build and few companies can afford to invest three or four million dollars in a road, especially when they may not be able to retain exclusive control of the timber to be transported over that road. With the federal government owning approximately one-half of our forest resource, it would seem only sound business policy that the federal government build the trunk roads and liquidate the rest from toll on stumpage as the timber is removed.

### Manufacturing Cited As Antidote

The antidote for ghost towns, the Forest Service reports, lies in "more intensive use of wood, sustained yield cutting and more manufacture." The engineers encourage the manufacture of furniture, sash and doors, plywood, and other finished articles.

"By remanufacturing," they say, "the same amount of lumber that used to provide a job for one man can provide jobs for 18 or 20. We can employ more men with fewer mills."

Further conservation aims would include better practices in mills, adoption of wood waste utilization processes, better forestry, and a greater volume of production from less raw material.

The field is virtually unlimited but much remains to be done to achieve the utmost conservation and utilization. Before these plans are fully executed we will need closer cooperation between the federal government, as a half owner of the timber resource, and private industry—not on a basis of pork barrel appropriations and political management, but on a sound business foundation.

## Sutherland Engages Supt. for School Building Program

Murray F. Canova, recently of Vancouver, Wash., has been engaged by the Sutherland School district, No. 130-C, as construction superintendent. It was announced today by Lon Hunt, chairman.

Canova, previously located in Sadsen and Portland, was one of the layout engineers on the Journal building in Portland. Hunt reports he is planning to move his family from Vancouver to Sutherland as soon as living quarters are obtained. The district is preparing immediate construction of four temporary classrooms. These structures later will be converted into residential quarters for teachers. A pumice stone building, containing two classrooms, also will be erected and later will be used as a garage for school buses. The new buildings, however, will be used to house classes until a new school building can be constructed. The existing high school building, recently condemned by state school authorities, must be used during the coming year, but will be razed as soon as new facilities can be erected, Hunt said.

The district also is preparing to build a two-room elementary school unit at Nonpareil to care for children in the lower grades. A \$220,000 bond issue was voted recently to finance the needed additions to the district's school facilities.

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



SAVING THE WORKS

## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Fragments of a conversation stayed in my thought after the streetlight changed and the speakers had gone on. One said, "and the more I do the less she seems to appreciate it." It made me think of a conversation in a car, one day, as several Parent-Teacher women were driving to a meeting.

"It seems to me," said one, "that when we parents keep thinking about how much we do for our children, and also are sorry for ourselves because we aren't appreciated—well, it's like keeping a set of books, crediting our own good deeds and debiting the other fellow's lack of them."

"Someone said long ago," remarked another thoughtfully, "that when we do things we should not let 'thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.'"

"And not 'sound a trumpet' either," said another laughing. "I guess I blow my trumpet a lot when I get sorry for myself. Junior is just that age when he is so unappreciative—Oh, oh! here I go again!"

"Well, 'alms' is a good deed done without thought of payment, isn't it?" said the first mother, "and I suppose if we expect something tangible in return for our service in the home, something definite in thanks, in expressed appreciation, we aren't giving, are we? Just swapping!"

Pursuing the subject a bit further, another mother said, "Well, every time we air our own virtues in what we are doing for others under the guise of telling how unappreciated we seem to be, we're just doing it to be 'seen of men'—and we know what the reward for that is!" They have their reward "in the advertising of how good they are!"

"And such self-advertisement always brings us sympathetic assurances that are like cream to a cat." Laughter greeted that, and the conversation continued lightly. But wasn't considerable truth voiced in that 'mental book-keeping' thought? Aren't we all guilty of it, unthinkingly, in one way or another?

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

By CHARLES A. SPRAGUE

In the Oregon Statesman, Salem  
 This is about a word: monolithic. It is an old word, coming from the Greek muros, meaning single or one, and lithos, meaning stone. Monolithic means "of one single piece of stone." A concrete wall or monument is monolithic.

The word is coming into a new use, however, — part of the political lexicon of the day. I noticed that Dr. Gordon Wright in his late book on "The Reshaping of French Democracy" (which merits a full review) uses it frequently with reference to the emerging political parties of postwar France. The word is also used with reference to the totalitarian state.

Russia is an example of the latter — "of one single piece of stone." Despite its title of Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Russia's government is definitely monolithic, the power highly centralized. In that country also there is but one party, the communist, which, too, is monolithic, single, rigid.

Now the opposite to monolithic is plural or federal. This country is (or was) molded on the federal plan with powers except for definite grants reserved to the states. Rome was a great empire, built on the power of the Roman empire but its policy was one of rather broad tolerance. The British empire was always rather loosely held and now has become a commonwealth of self-governing nations.

Within a country formed on the democratic model there will be more than one party. Here we have two major parties but periodically new parties spring up: Know-Nothings, Greenback, Populist, Progressive, and now the Dixiecrats and the Wallace New party. In prewar France there were many parties—too many for effective government.

The trouble with the monolith is that it is too rigid. It has no cushioning to absorb shocks. When it crumbles it falls in a heap. In a world composed of human beings whose pattern of thinking varies the monolithic state must crush out any deviation from the accepted pattern. The comment is offered that Russia's present trouble with its satellites is due to the difficulty of imposing its single will on old nationalists. Yugoslavs will be Yugoslavs and don't want to be Russian. Czechoslovaks flee their native country rather than

endure the monolithic authority. There is strength and durability in a concrete structure, but it needs the more supple steel to bind it firmly. The political monolith is not an enduring form. It shatters under shock. A political organization must have joints where shocks may be absorbed; and the larger the society the broader must be the joints. The United States shouldn't get too far from its old principle of federation. The political monolith is a menace to fundamental freedoms.

## In the Day's News

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burdens on their backs. Most of the riding is done by realistic people who get out and work and save until they have money or credit enough to acquire a horse.

If we ever turn America completely over to the wishful thinkers, Americans will trudge along the road, hungry and ragged, carrying their few possessions in a bundle on their backs, while the people of the more realistic nations flash by them in automobiles. (Horses, you know, are out-of-date as transportation. Horses now are playthings for the well-to-do.)

It shouldn't be that way, of course. But it IS that way.

This keynoter tells those who want to listen to him that the choice lies between Wallace and war. That is an oratorical statement, designed to garner votes.

The hard, cold truth is that the choice we face lies between what we WILL get by wishful thinking and what we CAN get by facing our problems courageously and working out a wise, intelligent and realistic solution of them.

The permanent chairman of the new Progressive Party is equally wishful. He tells his hearers:

"If the (Progressive) Party can win control of Congress, the producers of the country will enforce peace. . . . The peace that such a Congress would enforce would be a REAL peace based on the give and take which Henry Wallace and Josef Stalin exchanged." He added: "It can be done. It MUST be

## Tourist Lures Of Oregon Gaining Wide Publicity

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(Special.)—Oregon scenic areas have been the subjects of numerous magazine and newspaper travel articles and features during the past spring and winter, preparatory to the opening of the 1948 vacation season, the Oregon State Highway Commission travel information department reported this week.

Practically every section of the state was covered by favorable writings, extolling the wonders of the Oregon outdoors and reviewing recreational opportunities.

Such magazines as Ladies Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Look, Colliers, House Beautiful, Pic, Holiday and others have directed especially favorable attention to Oregon scenic resources. Numerous trade journals, as well as sportsmen magazines, have featured Oregon in their columns and on their covers since last fall. Travel club periodicals, including motor club periodicals, have been especially liberal with space in publicizing beaver state vacation lures.

Newspapers throughout the nation since last fall have continuously published travel items and stories relating to Oregon, accompanied by pictures. Television stations have telecast the travel information department film, "The New Oregon Trail," on several occasions.

Preparations are now under way for additional nationwide travel publicity for 1949 to attract a maximum number of vacationists to Oregon in this highly competitive field. Surveys show that 45 of the 48 states have definite organized publicity and advertising campaigns, and the other three carry on extensive operations through section organizations.

## Ukraine Harvest Will Be Heaviest in Years

MOSCOW, July 26.—(AP)—Dispatches from all sections of the Ukraine, known as the bread basket of the Soviet Union, claim this year's harvest will be the highest in many years.

The Moscow News said: "Reports indicate the republic will bring in this year a bumper harvest of all crops believed by experts to be one of the finest in years."

Harvesting operations will be carried out over an area which does not fall far short of the prewar figure of 61,750,000 acres.

## HARRELL ON VACATION

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell is on vacation, and during his absence Patrolman Fred L. Perry is in charge of the local office. Sgt. Harrell planned a trip that may take him into British Columbia. He expects to return August 2.

done."

YES, it can be done.

The lion and the lamb worked out that kind of peace. They lay down together. In the end, the lion ate the lamb.

There was also the famed Lady of Niger. With a trusting smile on her face, she went for a ride with a tiger. When they came back, the lady was invisible and the smile was on the face of the tiger.

There was Algy and the bear. They held a conference. When the conference ended, the bear was bulgy. The bulge was Algy.

WE might go on indefinitely along that line. But it grows monotonous. The ending is always the same.

Most of us DON'T WANT that kind of ending.

If worst comes to worst, we'd rather fight. After all, what is worth having is WORTH fighting for.

## \$25,000 Drive For Salvation Army Formally Begun

More than 50 prominent business and professional men and women of Roseburg met yesterday at Umpqua Hotel to officially inaugurate the \$25,000 financial appeal of the Salvation Army advisory board. The drive being held is for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings on property recently acquired by the Salvation Army on N. Winchester street.

Included in the plans for the buildings, Jack Fariss, chairman of the advisory board stated, is a youth center complete with gymnasium and recreational facilities. Fariss outlined in detail the various ways in which the Salvation Army served Roseburg young people including, he said, a championship basketball team.

Captain Claude Bowden, local Salvation Army officer, stated he had plans for a basketball league which would use the gym and for various other youth activities such as hobby and craft work. At the present time, he said, players are forced to use an out-of-town gym.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel, chairman of the building drive, voiced considerable optimism over prospects of the appeal and stated little difficulty is anticipated in raising the money. He thanked the group for its willingness in undertaking the job.

Further appointments in the retail stores division were announced by Fred Lund, chairman of that section of the drive. These include Daile Sims, clothing store; John Hardiman, jeweler; Mable Lewis, dress shop; Paul Keith, shoes and Bruce Elliott, department stores. Jack Fariss will cover hardware and appliance stores.

"Roseburg has long needed a youth center," Flegel told the campaign workers, "and it is our hope this drive will be speedily completed. I know of no organization better fitted to carry on a program for young people than the Salvation Army. Their record covering a period of 83 years is outstanding and many prominent citizens today got their start in a Salvation Army youth group."

Flegel stated that the local Salvation Army youth groups now included a string band, a summer camping program and other activities of interest to young people. In addition, he said, the Sunday school program was attracting young people from many country points.

Charles Poirot, local building contractor who will supervise construction of the buildings, was present at the luncheon to outline construction details. He stated that basic construction would be of pumice blocks with truss roof construction. Much of the needed material was already promised, he said, and expected to further implement building needs with additional supplies. A actual construction will, of course, depend upon the success of the drive. He voiced a desire to commence within the next month.

## Oregon Resources Shown at National Fair in Chicago

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(Special.)—In cooperation with Oregon chambers of commerce, the Oregon State Highway Department travel information department is participating in the current Chicago Railroad Fair, sponsoring a display of Oregon scenic, industrial and agricultural resources.

The fair, celebrating a century of railroad transportation progress, is expected to attract more than two million visitors during the seven weeks it is in operation.

The Oregon display is a part of the large Union Pacific Railroad exhibit, which includes displays by all the states the railroad serves from Nebraska westward. Interested visitors at the Oregon booth will receive on the spot information on vacations and other subjects. Visitors wishing more detailed information on different Oregon sections will leave their names, which in turn will be referred to the individual chambers of commerce concerned.

Large sepia pictures of typical Oregon scenes, transparency displays of vacation lands, typical views of logging operations and other subjects will be on display. All available Oregon literature, furnished by chambers of commerce, will be displayed. Adding further western atmosphere to the display, the Oregon Forestry Department furnished a supply of long sugar pine cones to serve as decorations.

## One Shot, Beaten In Altercation of Brothers

YAKIMA, Wash., July 26.—(AP)—Shot several times and beaten on the head, Ronald Ross, 29, of Lower Naches was in critical condition in a hospital here today, and his brother was under arrest.

Sheriff's deputy Bert Guss said the brother, Maurice Ross, 34, admitted an altercation occurred after an argument. Maurice was held without charge.

The two brothers work at Richland and spend week-ends with their families at Naches.

## Amnesia Victim Aided By Use of Truth Serum

SEATTLE, July 26.—(AP)—John Bruce Wilson, Seattle amnesia victim who was found this weekend in Phoenix, Ariz., was

resting quietly at his home today. His wife said he recognized the family but is "very tired."

Wilson was missing for six weeks. His identity was established in Phoenix by the use of a truth serum. Wilson's brother-in-law, Denny Grindall, flew to Phoenix and returned with Wilson yesterday. The Wilsons have five children.

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