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MANAGING OUR FORESTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

In recent weeks we have had the extreme pleasure of conferring with two of the highest officers of the U. S. Forest Service, Lyle Watts, chief forester, and Edward R. Kotok, assistant chief and head of the research department. We have learned that the problems of wood waste utilization are meeting earnest study at the top level and that the entire department, from the Chief Forester through to the field workers, is cooperating in a sincere effort to work out a plan of management and utilization without resorting to nationalization of the forest resource as practiced in European countries. It may take a little longer to whip the problem through education and cooperation, but there is every sound reason to believe that federal agencies and private enterprise, working as a cooperative team, will go far in eliminating many of the existing undesirable practices.

One of the major stumbling blocks to more effective management of our forest resource is the lack of understanding in Congress of the nature and importance of our forest industry. Our distinguished Forest Service visitors, of course, would make no such statement, but it is easy to arrive at the conclusion from their reports of insufficient appropriations for access roads, inadequate budgets for experimental studies, research work and laboratory operations, that there is a lack of congressional understanding of the magnitude of the task.

Too few of our eastern congressmen realize the relation of the public domain to the country as a whole. Furthermore, the industrialized East fears encroachment from specialized manufacture from the western forest resource—and understandingly. The industrial East would keep the West on a peasant economy, if possible. There is great fear in the nation's leading manufacturing centers today of competition from the West with its great store of natural resources. We now ship our raw products east for manufacture, then buy back the finished goods. It will not be long, we hope, until we will be doing our own manufacturing.

Hard To Teach An Old Dog New Tricks

While our high officials in the Forest Service are well aware of the problems, they are, we believe, sidestepping one of the issues involved if we are to secure full utilization of our forest resource at the earliest possible date. We are on the threshold of a revolution in the timber industry. Heretofore we have utilized wood only as it could be cut with a saw. We have had a tremendous waste of materials. Within the next few years, we believe, a great part of our resource will go through chemical processes. We will be using our trees for paper, alcohol, molasses, fabrics, chemicals, adhesives and numerous other products. Chemical utilization will convert every fiber of the tree into something useful, instead of leaving two-thirds in the woods as at present. Some of the larger manufacturing companies, such as Weyerhaeuser, already are operating full utilization plants.

But the industry generally is not equipped to enter the chemical field. The average operator knows no utilization processes other than those involving sawing or turning. Present-day operators will not adopt new processes readily. They will not enter the chemical utilization field unless forced to do so. The experience with the alcohol-from-wood-waste plant at Springfield is a good example of how the industry is shying away from the chemical utilization field.

One-half the timber resource of the Pacific Northwest lies in the public domain. This timber belongs to every man, woman and child in the country. Public interest demands that this timber be conserved through fullest possible utilization. If private industry is not willing to pioneer chemical utilization, and thereby halt the present tremendous waste, it is our opinion that the federal government should make available and prove those processes already shown to be practical and require that any purchaser of timber from the public domain shall salvage all materials for such processing plants as may be made available. The federal government, we believe, should invade the field of private enterprise only until industry has been convinced that the processes are practical and shows willingness to take over. If we continue to sidestep the obvious necessity of pioneering the field of chemical utilization, we will be wasting millions of potential dollars belonging to the public, when those dollars could be made actual by utilization of the materials now being lost through inadequate facilities.

The heads of our Forest Service are quite aware of the situation, but they hesitate to enter such a highly controversial field, and are hoping that through education they can induce industry to take over the pioneering role, even though valuable time and materials may be lost by the delay.

Southern Oregon Activians Picnic

Approximately 150 Active Club members from Eugene, Medford, Grants Pass, Coquille, Coos Bay, Portland and Roseburg gathered at the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club grounds at Winchester Sunday for a District 3 picnic. After the picnic dinner, the afternoon was given over to games, contests and swimming. Races were held for all children in their various age groups. A feature of the afternoon was an egg toss with men and women teaming up. There were plenty of broken eggs in the deal. Louis A. Jansky of Roseburg and his partner from Coquille won the contest with an egg that hit the ground twice without breaking.

The prize—a carton of eggs. A softball game between Eugene and a team made up of Roseburg and the visiting clubs was won, 11 to 8, by the latter team. Eugene had the largest delegation, a total of 68 men, women and children.

Employes Association Dates Business Session

Oregon State Employees Association, Roseburg chapter, Number 2, will hold its monthly meeting at the Knights of Pythias hall Thursday, Sept. 2 at 8 p. m. In addition to regular items of business there will be a vote concerning an amendment to article X of the by-laws. Delegates to the annual council meeting will also be chosen. Refreshments will be served.

Comes Now the Season of Beautiful Hokum



Gossips from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Once upon a time—Isn't that the proper way to begin a story for little folk?—there were two big white ducks, and they belonged to a little English girl named Minnie Holland.

One day she started down the road to begin school and who should waddle along, right behind her, but Bill and Dilly, amiably greeting everyone they met in their own language, of course. "Shoo!" said the girl, distractedly, "you can't come to school with me!" But Dill and Dilly thought they could. And they did.

Little Minnie finally gave up and went on to school for she couldn't be late the very first day of school! In the door she went with a parting word to Dill and Dilly: "There, that's as far as you can come!"

This time Dill and Dilly agreed. They simply sat down on the mat and waited. And waited. AND WAITED!

When the teacher, smiling, glanced out the window, Dill and Dilly knew their manners. They greeted her politely, and kept right on waiting...

Finally they decided they might

just as well be shovelling up some of the nice green grass in the school playground, and fat bugs, too. So they did just that. But after a while they returned to their place on the mat and waited some more.

Once the children came rushing out to play and laughed and laughed when they saw Dill and Dilly. Most of their play period was spent in finding bugs and tidbits for the ducks. Then in they went again, and Dill and Dilly settled down to waiting...

At long last out came the children after a happy first-day-of-school, and some went up the road and some went down the road home. Little Minnie went up the road and who should fall in behind her but Dill and Dilly, waddling along, with a word of greeting in their own fashion, for everyone they met.

And that was how, about seventy years ago, two ducks began 'going to school' every day with a little girl named Minnie who liked ducks ever afterward. And so did her little girl many years later, and then her grandsons, and now, without a doubt, her great-grandson will too.

In the Day's News

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goes on until the next Presidential election. In Europe, these boils on the neck come to a head immediately and for better or worse are lanced. Here we do the lancing job only in Presidential years.

MANY idealistic people think the European system is better than ours, and from time to time there is talk that we should adopt it. Maybe so. But "the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof," and so far few American eaters would be willing to swap their pudding for the European pudding.

THE rock on which this French government has been wrecked (like its predecessors) is the familiar one of wages and prices. Prices in France are too low to show a satisfactory profit AND WAGES ARE TOO LOW TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY PURCHASING POWER.

So everybody in France is dissatisfied. So far, instead of getting together and working harder and more efficiently and thus PRODUCING MORE, so that there will be enough things to go around, the French have been trying to cure their headaches by the process of passing a law declaring that headaches are illegal. The Larder they work at it, the hungrier they get.

IN THE happy old days, the fall of a French government, or any other European government, would have been merely another minor headline in the newspaper. We'd have glanced at it casually

and turned the page to the sports and the local news.

NOW IT AFFECTS OUR IMMEDIATE SAFETY AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN. Thus does the world change.

TITO still bears a little watch-

ing. He takes a full-armed swing at Russian-communist Hungary after having swung a haymaker at Russian-communist Romania the other day.

When thieves fall out, honest men have a chance to come into their own.

HERE is why the Tito ruckus is significant—IF it is significant: If Tito means business, it means that NATIONALISM HAS ENTERED THE COMMUNIST PICTURE.

So far, communism has meant Russia and Russia has meant communism. If the Tito business isn't just some kind of frame-up to get our eye off the ball, it means that hereafter there may be KINDS of communism.

There might be TITO communism and STALIN communism, THE TWO MIGHT FIGHT.

FOR a long time, you know, Europe was all capitalist. These capitalist nationalities FOUGHT EACH OTHER. Germany fought France. France fought Germany. At varying times, Britain fought both of them. Eventually, we were dragged into the free-for-all in World War I. The capitalist countries fought each other as freely as dogs of the same breed fight—often for no better reason.

If there came to be varying kinds of communism and they all fought each other, the prospect would be better for our kind of democracy, which revolves around freedom of the individual.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

"How Much of It's Political?"

The Eugene Register-Guard Way back yonder in the balmy day of the New Deal we sometimes quoted the current Communist boast that Franklin D. Roosevelt would be their "American Kerensky." The Comrades are always boastful. And it was perfectly obvious to all observers awed by the New Deal had been infiltrated heavily with characters so far to the "left" that it was difficult to distinguish "conscientious Liberals" from "fellow travelers."

Those were the days, of course, when it was no sin to say that we had many things to learn from Russian example. We were awed by the path of social and economic reform and ready for fairly liberal experiments in the direction of socialism and even "statism." The war and our partnership with Russia against Hitler enhanced the illusions of comradeship.

Now those illusions as to the character and intentions of our Russian playmates are being destroyed, particularly by the revelations of the congressional investigating committees, but President Truman has raised the cry of "red herring." He alleges that some of the high personages who have been tarred with the "spy brush" have been denied their constitutional rights to fair hearing. So many people are asking:

"How much of all this hubbub is political?"

Washington reporters are pretty well agreed that the spy hearings are a sort of counter-attack to cover Truman's campaigning against the Republican Congress. It is true that many of the persons dragged before the hearings have not had any real chance to explain themselves. They are not represented by counsel. They cannot put in evidence. Some of them obviously are victims of the circumstances of working in Washington, meeting great numbers of people, not being sure "who's who," caught up in the Washington pattern.

It is necessary we think, to set the present revelations against the background of the "Roosevelt Revolution" as it was popularly called. It was inevitable that any such "crusade" would attract many bad people and many fools. The revelations do not detract from the many notable achievements of the Democratic regime. But they do argue powerfully for a change, if only to rid of some of the crooks and fools of a long and outworn regime.

We used to talk now and then about the "ideologists" in the Washington departments. The Meaning is now perfectly plain.

Slain Man's Daughter Thinks Convict Innocent

SPokane, Aug. 30.—(AP)—The daughter of a man beaten to death here 15 years ago, said last night that she is "still convinced" that Clarence Boggie, who is serving life for the crime, is innocent.

"I didn't think Boggie was guilty when the trial started and I was sure he wasn't when the trial was over," said Mrs. B. F. Rolfe. Boggie, a 35-year-old former Oregon lumberjack, has served 13 years in the state penitentiary. Last Friday, the Seattle Times quoted State Prison Warden Tom Smith as saying he is convinced of Boggie's innocence. The next day, one of two Spokane police officers who investigated the case said he still thinks Boggie is guilty.

Douglas 4-H'ers Chosen for Entry At State Fair

Douglas County 4-H'ers and prize garden and canning exhibits were chosen to represent Douglas County at the State Fair at the 4-H Canning and Gardening Achievement Day held on August 26 at the Roseburg Junior High. Feature of the day was a cake baking contest in which contestants mixed and baked a sponge cake. Winner in this contest was Barbara Snyder, Days Creek. Other 4-H contestants who participated and won in other home economics contests are as follows: Ann Roth, Brockway, senior breadbaking contest; Jane Rust, Azalea, Junior breadbaking; Patricia Tuthill, Oakland, junior dollar dinner; Mary Lee Rust, Azalea, senior dollar dinner. In addition to the home economics contests, two cooking demonstrations were given—one of salad making by Joanne Richmond and Joan Phillips of Roseburg and the other of Welch Rarebit by Dorothy Holbrook and Mary Margaret Cobb, also of Roseburg.

Canning and gardening exhibits which were judged of State Fair quality were given purple ribbons. All these will be displayed at Salem in the 4-H club division. The winners are as follows: Canning I, Judy Conner, Days Creek; Mary Lynn Holm, Green; Barbara Andrews, Smith River; Betty Tofsdahl, Reedsport, and Joy Zeller, Brockway; Canning II, Carol Ann Burgin, Days Creek; Carmen Ford, Roseburg; and Mabel Pyritz, Smith River; Canning III, Carmen Dyser, Lookingglass; Mary Roberts, Smith River; Donna Noel, Smith River; Ann Roth, Brockway; Jane Rust, Azalea; Canning IV, Marjorie Zeller, Brockway; Ann Pyritz, Smith River; Edna May Andrews, Smith River; and Betty Pyritz, Smith River. Flowers, Ann Roth, Brockway, blue; Marjorie Zeller, Brockway, red; and Jane Rust, Azalea, red. Garden, Barbara Snyder, Days Creek and Marjorie Zeller, Brockway, blue and purple; Mary Michel, Route 2, blue and purple; John Michel, Route 2, blue; Jim Webber, Route 2, red; Ann Roth, Brockway, blue and purple; John Hansen, Route 2, red; Mary Lee Rust, Azalea, blue, and Shirley Lee, Wilbur, blue.

Committee To Get Preview Of Hospital Plans

County Judge D. N. Busenbark, Mayor Albert G. Flegel of Roseburg, H. A. Canaday and Hans T. Hansen are among members of the Citizens Committee of Sponsors of the Douglas Community Hospital building fund, H. O. Parzeter, general chairman, announced today.

The committee of 56 leading citizens of Douglas County have agreed to lend their support to the \$300,000 bond campaign to open Sept. 15, he said. This Wednesday evening at 6:30, at a dinner in the Umpqua Hotel, the sponsors will be the guests of the board of trustees of Douglas Community Hospital, Inc. At that time they will be given a preview of the architect's plans and perspective of the new hospital.

"We are pleased with the enthusiastic response of citizens of Douglas County and their willingness to support this hospital program," the general chairman said.

"From those sections of the county, which will be the service area for the new hospital, we have seen intense interest in this project—one of the greatest civic undertakings ever attempted here."

Other members of the Citizens Committee of Sponsors include: Howard M. Bailey, William M. Black, Harrie W. Booth, Mrs. Ivan Broad, Dr. E. Keith Bryant, Harlan B. Carter, O. T. Carter, H. C. Church, George W. Church, C. R. DeVaney, Paul S. Elliott, Kenneth Ellison, Carl Felker, Clyde B. Fullerton, Lewis J. Fullerton, Paul E. Geddes, Elmer Hampton, George W. Harzer, Vernon V. Harpham, Mrs. Harry Hatfield and Loren Haugen.

Also on the committee are A. G. Henninger, Harold J. Hickerson, E. G. High, John M. Hodson, Mrs. J. C. Hume, Mrs. Emily Judd, Vernon Keel, Alvin M. Knudtson, George Luoma, Leon McClintock, J. S. Maris, Lyle E. Masters, William A. Gedding, Joseph L. Quant, Ralph L. Russell, Mrs. Bernard Saar, Dr. Howard Schuler and J. E. Slattery. Additional sponsors are Gordon Stewart, John D. Todd, George Trapolis, Mrs. Lester G. Twoby, Ernest Unrath, S. W. Van Voorst.

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