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LET'S GET STARTED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Dr. George M. Hunt, director of the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., speaking before a special forum meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce recently, told of the progress being made in wood waste utilization.

We were very interested in his remarks concerning the molasses process, which, in our opinion, offers the best opportunity for utilization of wood waste in this particular area.

Dr. Hunt made the statement that if every cow in the United States was given the recommended feeding of three pounds of molasses daily, there would not be sufficient wood waste in the entire country to supply the market. But molasses also is used to feed poultry of all kinds, as well as sheep and other livestock. Furthermore, molasses has hundreds of industrial uses. Thus it is evident that the market is unlimited.

Dr. Hunt, however, emphasized the fact that information is lacking whether wood molasses can compete profitably with imports from Cuba and Hawaii, where we now obtain our molasses supply.

Following his talk at the forum program, he was questioned further about the process and told how the Forest Products Laboratory is engaged in a cost analysis as an aid to two University of Wisconsin students planning to start the first molasses-from-wood-waste production plant in the country. The laboratory will endeavor to calculate probable production cost, transportation and marketing expense, and determine whether there exists opportunity for profit in competition with the imported product made from sugar cane.

Naturally, the profit element is vital in considering any utilization process.

Dr. Hunt is a scientist and is guided by scientific thinking. The scientist must have convincing proof before he is ready to act. Thus Mr. Hunt counsels caution as to acceptance of a new idea and operational formula still in the process of improvement. But what would have been our history had we followed this type of advice in other of our industrial fields? For many years boards were cut by hand, two men using a saw, one standing in a pit while the other worked from above. What if we had postponed sawmilling until we had first worked out processes in laboratories and pilot plants and every possible improvement had been made?

The first automobiles were expensive affairs. But it did not take long to discover how to produce automobiles more cheaply and to build a market.

Dr. Hunt probably did not mean we should wait on molasses production until all the "bugs" have been worked out of the process. But his scientific caution might be discouraging to the prospective investor.

It is obvious that a tremendous market exists for molasses. This market can be reached and educated through advertising. Processes for molasses extraction are sufficiently refined to assure a good product. The supply of raw material is great. It remains to be proven whether molasses, under existing processes, can be produced from wood waste and delivered to consumers at a price comparable with that of the imported product.

There is only one sure way of finding out. That is to build a producing plant, in an area where an abundance of raw material can be obtained at lowest possible cost, and start producing and selling. Just as every other industry has found ways to cut costs and improve processes and markets, we can expect betterment in molasses-from-wood-waste production.

Because the federal government has the laboratory experience, men with the scientific know-how, and engineers to study every phase of the problem; and because the federal government owns one-half of our Pacific coast timber; and because the federal government is especially interested in improved agricultural practices; and because the federal government's tax policies discourage investment of private risk capital in industrial pioneering, we believe a full-scale production plant should be built and put in operation by an agency of the federal government. We also believe that Douglas county offers the best site for the experiment.

We would not want to see the federal government stay in the field of private industry, once the production processes had been proven. The pioneer installation should be so authorized that private industry would have the right to step in at any time and take over, with safeguards, however, that operation could not be halted to eliminate competition.

Jacksonville Jubilee Scheduled August 6-7

Six of the queen contestants have been chosen for the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee, Aug. 6 and 7, sponsored by the Jacksonville Lions club. A queen will be elected by vote.

The jubilee is in commemoration of the finding of gold in Jacksonville in 1851, and there will be many attractions throughout the two-day celebration, including: Parade of persons in old-time costumes with prizes given for the most authentic ones, on woman, man, boy and girl. There will be pit barbecues, log bucking contests, both hand and power machines, old-time fiddlers' contest, dancing at night in open air pavilion, church services, Sunday morning, big grand parade at 1 p. m., transportation parade during the two days showing old and new methods of transportation (entries solicited). Real gold nuggets will be

"planted" along the streets, for the public to dig for and it will be "finders keepers."

The jubilee gets off to a start at 10 a. m. Saturday and continues through the two days. Anyone wishing to enter contests or parades is asked to write Jacksonville Lions club headquarters, Jacksonville.

USDA Purchases To Aid California Markets

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Oregon fruit men, who have asked the government to buy pears and peaches, heard Saturday that the USDA is beginning purchases to help the sagging market in California.

The USDA official, W. J. Broadhead, Portland, said the government would buy Bartlett pears and Gravenstein apples in California. The fruit will go to school lunch programs and institutional uses.

Getting Into The Act



Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Looking through the index of beautifully arranged Quarterly entitled, "The American Bard," I found the name of a poet well-known in Douglas county. Her verse is called "A Word Portrait":

Eleanor Roosevelt
Beautiful knitter
stepping down always somewhere
from today's plane,
softly apologizing to reporters
for not hearing with ears
full of motors and flashbulbs,
you tell of Tennessee and Trieste
in terms of knitters and knitting.
In your work-bag you carry
the tangled skein of the world.
With beautiful patient fingers
you straighten the knotted yarn,
shaping a warm garment
for an orphan of nightmare
years.
—Elinor Henry Brown
The American Bard is published by Rexford Sharp in Los Angeles as a Living Memorial to Clarence Alexander Sharp, his

All Free People Have Interest In Vatican's War Against Communism

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The Catholic church and totalitarian communism are locked in bitter struggle throughout the world. The chief battleground right now is eastern Europe. But why should a religious organization be fighting the advocates of a political and economic system?

The answer is that communism, like any totalitarianism, cannot limit itself to the purely practical realm. It fans out into the spiritual sphere and seeks to supplant or destroy the regular religious authority.

Catholic leaders therefore see their historic guardianship over the spiritual life of millions of Europeans—not to mention others—threatened with extinction.

The Vatican has tried for a long time to arrive at an ideological truce that would allow Catholicism and communism to live side by side. But the Mindszenty affair in Hungary and the current attacks on high churchmen in Czechoslovakia convinced the Pope an accord is impossible. These events led to a papal decree ordering excommunication for all Catholics who join or support the Communist Party anywhere. It is the heaviest weapon the church has ever brought into play against a totalitarian system.

Why do Communists in the predominantly Catholic European countries feel it necessary to engage so stubborn a foe?

The answer is, of course, that a dictatorship like communism can brook no opposition whatsoever. It demands one single overriding loyalty—to the state. Ties of allegiance to church, union, social organization, all these must be severed.

For any one of these minor loyalties could serve as a rallying point for opposition to the regime, a nucleus for the forces of rebellion.

Above all, Communists are bent upon maintaining themselves in power wherever they enjoy it. What is more sensible, then, than to keep the people in a great shapeless, helpless mass? Revolt takes organization as well as weapons.

It should be evident immediately that the Catholic Church is the toughest possible center of resistance to communism in eastern Europe. Because it has many millions of followers, Catholicism wields a power far beyond its mere spiritual guidance in one

country or another.

The fact is all we need to remember as we watch the Communists work relentlessly to crush this force in Russia's European satellites.

For the sake of Europe's Catholics and all free-worshipping men everywhere, let us hope the Communists somehow fail to marshal the strength they need to achieve full success in this effort.

Lieut. Dewing To Compete In Navy Rivalry

Lieutenant (jg) Lawrence A. Dewing, USN, husband of the former Shirley Shields of Roseburg, has been selected by the commanding officer of navy attack squadron 194 as a member of the squadron's four-man combat team to compete against other navy squadrons in the Alameda area for the air force, Pacific ship.

Selected on the basis of squadron eliminations, Lieut. (jg) Dewing's team is competing for the area championship this week, and if successful, will go to the finals to be held at the Naval Air Station, El Centro, Calif., during the first week of August.

Rules for the championship require that each pilot of the four-man team make 15 dives at the 200 foot circular target by starting his dives at 15,000 feet.

Although only the four-man team will be officially recognized as the best in the air force, Pacific fleet, the pilot scoring the highest percentage of hits in the finals will be unofficially accorded the title of "best dive-bomber" in the air force, Pacific fleet.

The dive-bombing championship, the first to be held since before the war, was inaugurated by Vice Admiral H. R. Sallada, commander air force, Pacific fleet, to spur competition between squadrons and to promote teamwork proficiency.

Melrose

By MRS. NETTIE WOODRUF
Mrs. W. H. Halre, Harrington, Kans., was in Melrose and Callahan Trail district, from Tuesday to Friday last week visiting with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cory. She was accompanied as far as Grants Pass by her daughter.

Mrs. W. L. W. Smith recently returned to her home at Way Side farm, Callahan district, following a two weeks' business trip to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ralph Cory visited at Lookingglass Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Susie Orr, who was recently discharged from Mercy hospital following an operation. She is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lundeen of Sutherlin visited Saturday with Lundeen's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lundeen, and with Mrs. Lundeen's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Woodruff.

Melrose residents attending the Douglas county employes picnic at Umpqua park Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cooper, sons Clyde and Darrell and daughter Marsha; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cooper; Laura Belle Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. O. Matthews and daughter Ruby; Mrs. Ruth Simmons, son Michael and daughter Cherry; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthews; Mrs. Nellie Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cloak; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langhoff and son; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stubbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Butler and son, George Jr., of Coos Junction were guests last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cory and daughters Sandra and Valerie Rawl, of Callahan Trail district.

Ace Jones will operate the car body and fender shop at Melrose formerly operated by Paul Backlund. Backlund intends to work elsewhere.

Sutherlin

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Aldropp shopped and transacted business in Eugene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack and sons, Marvin and Michael, enjoyed a motor trip to Seaside, Astoria, and thence to Portland, where they visited with William Watson.

The Sutherlin Fire Department was called out Monday afternoon by a grass fire on Duke road, west of town. When they arrived the neighbors had the fire under control.

Mrs. Lela Breedlove and children shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Monday.

Milt Kelson of Portland, made several business calls in this city Monday.

Glen Miller of Roseburg was a business caller in Sutherlin Tuesday on business.

Jimmy Crittenden was in Roseburg Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trozelle, and Mrs. Leta Braucht enjoyed an outing over the weekend.

Floyd Squiers has been confined to his home the past week by illness.

Albert Slack left Monday morning for Eugene, where he will transact business for a couple of days. He will go from there to Greenleaf, Ore., where he will visit with his two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilcut and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Browning, for a week.

Mrs. D. W. Beck was confined to her home for a few days last week by illness.

Moscow Radio Lashes Back At Slave Charge

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Moscow radio lashed back today at recent British comment on labor conditions in Russia which charges that "slave labor exists in capitalist countries."

The British delegate to the United Nations economic and social council made public in Geneva, Switzerland, July 22 documents he claimed proved forced labor is an established legal policy of the Soviet government.

Britain officially expressed the belief about 10,000,000 Russians, or 10 per cent of the country's working population, are in forced labor camps.

Today's Moscow broadcast declared that "the Soviet system corrects criminals, while the capitalist penal system destroys them completely."

Man Crushed By Log Dies From Injuries

MONROE, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Henry Brooks, Kirkland, passenger in an automobile which was crushed by a log which fell from a truck near here Wednesday, died at the local hospital Friday night.

The driver, Charles Skinner, Seattle, and two other passengers—Leitha Brooks and Tom Brooks both of Kirkland—are reported in a satisfactory condition. The truck was driven by Charles Goodrich of Goldbar.

It was the Snohomish county's 17th traffic fatality of the year.

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Reception Plans Will Honor New Baptist Minister



Dr. Edgar B. Luther

A reception to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Luther will be held by members and friends of the First Conservative Baptist church Tuesday evening.

The reception will be held at the armory, starting at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Luther recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the church and, with his wife and three children, Larry, Jane and Mabel, has established residence in Roseburg. A son, Robert, lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

During the past 28 years, Dr. Luther has been pastor of five Baptist churches in California and Oregon. He spent the last 10 years as pastor at Albany. He is vice moderator of the Conservative Baptist association of Oregon and has been active in Baptist work throughout the state for a number of years.

He states that he is very enthusiastic about the many opportunities in the Roseburg community and is appreciative of the warm welcome received.

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