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## FOREST GOLD

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Through several sources we have heard of a family seeking gold in the Umpqua National forest.

We can't vouch for the truth of the strange tale, as it comes to us from various persons and in fragmentary form. The story, as told to us, is that a man of more than 80 years of age has been making occasional trips into the Umpqua forest, returning to his home in Lane county with a liberal supply of gold nuggets. Members of his family have been trying to learn the location of his gold mine, but he refuses to tell. He has never filed a location claim. Relatives fear the secret will die when he passes on, although he reportedly has promised to divulge location of the gold when his "time comes."

But, fearing that he might die suddenly without revealing his secret, one of his daughters has instituted a hunt for the gold. With her family she has been spending several weeks searching forest roads, trails and camps for some clue to the route her father took on a recent trip from which he returned in a near state of collapse. Reportedly, the only information she has is that the gold is in the Umpqua forest and within a 60-mile radius of Roseburg.

Carl C. Hill, Days Creek, recently named chairman of the Oregon Game commission, has made extensive study of Umpqua Indians and stories surrounding them.

He tells us that when early settlers first came into the Glide district, they found the natives in possession of many gold nuggets. The Indians brought in much gold for use in trading with the whites. Early residents sought in vain for the source of this gold and tried by threat, bribery and cajolery to obtain information from the Indians.

One settler, according to the tale, nearly succeeded. He had ministered to an ailing papoose and the Indian mother, in gratitude, wanted to pay him with nuggets. Taking advantage of her emotion, the man tried to obtain from her the Indian secret. After much pleading, she agreed to guide him to the source of the gold.

They started over the forest trails and reached a point near Honey creek. The squaw had shown increasing reluctance and finally refused to go farther.

She would be killed if she revealed the source of the gold, she said. No amount of persuasion could induce her to go farther.

Many tales of lost gold mines have come from the Umpqua region. That gold prospectors preceded American settlers was disclosed some years ago when a pick of the type used by the early Spanish settlers in Mexico was found in the deep Mowich park canyon.

Today we are talking about the "green gold" coming from the Umpqua forest. More valuable than nuggets are the huge logs being brought to our many sawmills. But it is the yellow gold which always has aroused and inflamed the imagination of man.

Doubtless the family searching for some clue to the source of "Grandpaw's" gold is inspired with the same sort of frenzy and excitement that characterized gold seekers in California and Alaska.

In their search for the hidden metal they are unmindful that they are gathering something more precious, more beautiful and more lasting than gold.

The days and nights in the open air, the solitude of deep forest fastnesses, the quiet murmur of nearby streams, hold values far greater than the gold they seek.

And, while they pursue their elusive secret, we hope they do not overlook the countless patterns of clouds, the leap and splash of silvery trout in quiet pools, the song of birds bursting with the joy of living, the lordly buck standing guard over his family at feeding time, the chatter of excited squirrels warning of intrusion.

In these things may be found the REAL gold of the forest.

## Neighbor Sues Neighbor On Radio Nuisance Claim

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 24. (AP)—One man's radio program became another man's continuous and unreasonable noise in a district court \$2,500 suit. The Louis Stefans sought damages from their neighbors, the LeRoy Robinsons and an injunction to prevent the Robinsons from playing their radio in a "loud and noisy manner." The petition alleged that the radio playing of the Robinsons had proved injurious to Mrs. Stefan's health and that she is under the care of a doctor for a severe nervous condition. The suit said the Robinsons are maintaining a radio nuisance by playing their radio near a window on the side of their house nearest the Stefans. "The said noise is continuous and unreasonable both during the day and unseemly hours of the night, including Sundays," the petition stated.

## Mineral Price Support Bill Receives Approval

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (AP)—The Senate Interior committee Tuesday approved a mineral price support bill which Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said is shaped to give special attention to small producers. The bill would provide for government support payments to stimulate the exploration and conservation of strategic and critical minerals. In general, the Secretary of In-

## Cheesemakers' Exams Dated At State College

SALEM, Aug. 24. (AP)—Examinations for cheesemakers, buttermakers and butter graders who are applying for Oregon licenses will be held next Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 29 and 30. In the dairy manufacturing building on the campus of Oregon State college, Corvallis, the State De-

partment of Agriculture announced today.

Cheesemakers are to report Monday; buttermakers and graders will have their examinations Tuesday.

The face of Abraham Lincoln, sculptured into the rock of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, is so large that a man could stand erect in an eye.

## Not a Very Pleasant Outlook, Is It?



## Escapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vahnett S. Martin

Each one of the three little girls, as the car drove away on a 2,500-mile trip, clutched tightly a "surprise" package to be opened at a not-too distant point. The youngest, Jan, was a toddler; Sandra was in second grade; the third little sister was in between.

The surprise consisted of a 'thick composition book' with hole punched in it; several pencils tied with bright red ribbon, eraser, punched with hole and tied to ribbon, too; and a funny little pencil sharpener dog.

"It was the way the things were tied together that meant so much," said their pretty young mother later on. "We have given them pencils and paper before but they would lose the pencils, the papers would blow, and often tears resulted. But they couldn't lose their pencils this time; breaking the points just gave them something else to do; and the books kept them busy hours and hours!"

Incidentally, little Jan, like every little one, enjoyed copying whatever her sisters did. Who shall say her "writing" had no meaning? It delighted Jan, anyhow.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### A SIGN OF RECALCITRANCY

There has been a growing and almost alarming recalcitrancy among college educators that the public should not overlook. It should be nipped in the bud or it can grow to unconscionable proportions, and it is being nipped by courageous educators and members of Congress.

Using a phony "I'll rights argument, or spurious arguments of being purged for left wing teaching, too many educators are of late refusing to accept discharge for incompetency or other reasons. Dr. Strand of Oregon State College was forced to take a public stand and explain it when he sought to let two professors or instructors go to other fields, entirely within the regulations of tenure at the college, and they made a public demonstration about being discharged for their ideologies and sought to put the president of the college in a hole. The action of the president was upheld by the academic board of the discharged professors' peers and the matter ended.

Later, it then became necessary for the State Board of Higher Education to act in support of Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University and his faculty advisory council, for their action in not reappointing Dr. C. J. Sullivan assistant professor of philosophy at the University. Dr. Sullivan, appointed in 1938, had been continued on a yearly tenure and appealed to the board when he was given notice that he would not be rehired. The board supported the University president.

But, in bringing out the facts it turns out that Dr. Sullivan had been denied permanent tenure for six budget periods on grounds of incompetence as viewed by his dean, the faculty advisory council and three successive presidents. The dean of the college of liberal arts, Dr. E. L. Johnson, testified to the board that Dr. Sullivan had failed to heed repeated urgings that he obtain a position elsewhere.

Under present regulations no faculty member is kept longer than seven years on yearly ten-

ure, a rule recommended by the American Association of University Professors.

The episodes locally were but two of a series nationally, but they accentuated a tendency toward recalcitrancy among educators that should be curbed quickly, if university and college presidents are to have administrative authority worthy of the name at a time when decadent ideologies are being constantly exposed in the ranks of educators as well as in other fields to the detriment of national security.

### Winchester Bay Sees Shark, Whale, Film Pair

REEDSPORT, Aug. 24. (AP)—A shark, a whale and a pair of Hollywood fishermen shared attention on the Winchester Bay waterfront Sunday and Monday.

The shark was a 175-pounder caught at sea by Jim Erickson of the fishing boat Kolie. The whale played unmolested off the mouth of the river. The Hollywood men were Phil Harris and Al Newman.

Sunday was a big day for sports fishermen. They checked in with more than 300 silversides and chinooks. At one time 65 boats were counted on the bar at one time. Some 300 boats were in the river and some two miles out to sea.

### Fire Destroys Two Canneries At Cordova

CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 24. (AP)—Fire destroyed two canneries here Monday at an estimated loss of \$100,000. The fire was considered a heavy blow to Cordova because of the loss of employment.

The Cordova Packing company plant and the Ocean Fresh Sea Foods cannery burned but the city dock on which they were located, was damaged only slightly. The fire started in the packing company plant and spread to the second cannery. Its cause was not known.

Both plants were packing crabs and clams in the off salmon season. They normally operated until the start of the severe winter storms.

## In the Day's News

(Continued From page one)

new German party tells a reporter in Berlin:

"We have formed to fight IMPERIAL BOLSHIEVISM. The so-called internationalism of Soviet Russia is a fraud. We reject any plans for a dictatorship of the people."

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### WHAT does it all mean?

Well, it sounds like STILL MORE KINDS OF COMMUNISM. The more kinds of communism there are, the safer freedom-loving people will be. When thieves fall out, you know, honest men come into their own.

IN Oregon last year, 14,185 persons died. Accidents caused 1333 of these deaths, which figures out as an accident rate of 90.6 deaths per 100,000 people. That is the sixth highest accident rate in the nation.

Motor accidents, as expected, led the accident rate list with 28.8 fatalities per 100,000 of population. This may surprise you; NEXT in the list came HOME mishaps, with a rate of 25.6.

Watch your step the next time you get in the bathtub or climb a step-ladder.

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### A COUPLE of former University of Pennsylvania physicists

have just completed their second machine with an electronic "brain" and they say it can perform ANY mathematical exercise and can memorize 500 numbers. As a test, it did 500,000 additions and 200,000 multiplications in two hours. It would have taken a man working with an adding machine two years to do the same computing job.

They call their second little pet Binae. The first one was named Eniac. Eniac weighed 30 tons. Binae weighs one ton, but little Binae works faster than big Eniac. They plan to build a third one, which they will name Univac.

Univac, they say, will be able to do almost anything, including playing a game of chess with another Univac.

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### ASKED by a frivolous-minded reporter

whether the day will come when each of us can have a mechanical man to do our thinking for us, one of the inventors (described as a "serious-minded" young man) answers: "That's a distinct possibility. At the moment, any problem that can be translated into mathematical terms can be solved by the machines."

### BORROW - it - and - spend - it

note from Washington: Last Thursday the national debt totaled \$255,076,248,000. I wouldn't ask you to try to read that figure. It is two hundred and fifty-five billion, seventy-six million, two hundred and forty-six thousand dollars.

In the first six weeks of our new fiscal year of 1950, which began on July 1, our national debt climbed nearly 1 3/4 billions of dollars.

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### DO you reckon little Binae,

with the aid of Big Brother Eniac, could sit down and figure out for us how long it will take the United States of America to

## Inquiry Ordered Into Death Of Oregon Convict

PORTLAND, Aug. 23. (AP)—The Oregon Journal said today that Gov. Douglas McKay was launching an investigation into the death of a penitentiary inmate who, the newspaper said it was told, lay undertended for six hours and bled to death.

A signed news story by Tom Humphrey, associate editor, said Oren A. Brownlee, 24, sentenced from Lane county for car theft, died last March 17 and hospital records listed it as suicide.

Humphrey's story said the newspaper learned "from what it considers unimpeachable sources" that Brownlee lay undertended in his cell from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. March 16 although the guard on duty in his cell reported promptly that he was slowly bleeding to death from self-inflicted wounds.

The Journal said its attention was called to Brownlee's death by a state senator and by prison guards after a Journal series on the state penitentiary mentioned a suicide. The governor was advised yesterday, Humphrey wrote, and said he would start an investigation today and probably would ask the attorney general to conduct it.

The Journal quoted Marion county coroner as saying his records showed no autopsy, but Dr. M. K. Crothers, Salem, part-time prison doctor, was said to have declined to sign the death certificate until an autopsy had been performed. This showed, and the death certificate listed, cause of death as acute exsanguination (loss of blood).

The Journal said its informants, including guards, said that when it appeared Brownlee was dying, he was transferred to the prison hospital where prison trustees working as orderlies gave him an injection of morphine to quiet him and he died during the night.

Brownlee, the paper said, was known to fellow inmates as mentally disturbed and was in frequent trouble with authorities. He attempted suicide several times. His prison record shows that he was in military service for five months and was discharged for nervous instability.

## Livestock Fair To Also Feature 4-H Competition

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23. (Special)—The west's outstanding 4-H competition, ranging from home economics to livestock, will be a feature at this year's Pacific International Livestock exposition, Oct. 7-15.

A six-day schedule announced by General Manager Walter A. Holt calls for the 4-H competitors to appear simultaneously with the Future Farmers of America. Previously they have divided run of the show and appeared separately.

Holt said the FFA schedule is in the process of a completion and will be announced soon. One of the most popular 4-H features will be the Dollar Dinner contest. Girls entered will prepare dinner for themselves and three guests, then act as hostess.

Climax to the young people's part in the big livestock show will be the fat stock auction sale on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The complete 4-H schedule:

### Rice Valley

By MRS. CECIL HARTFORD—A baby girl was born Monday, Aug. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wales of Rice Hill. The baby has been named Linda Sue and is the Wales' fourth child.

David Huntington, the six-year-old son of Mrs. Richard Beddows of Brookings, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Homer McKirdy, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartford, Cecil Jr., Victor, Berneta, and David Hartford took dinner Sunday at the Glen Wells home east of Sutherlin.

T. H. Shepherd made a business trip by bus to Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Bradshaw of Peoria, Ariz., visited two days last week at the J. G. Wales home. They were enroute to Eugene and will again visit the Wales on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jackman of Seattle, Wash., visited last weekend at the Harvey Fast home.

The next meeting of the Rice Valley Home Economics club will be held at the hall Sept. 5 with Mrs. Al Fonken as hostess.

Mrs. Alice Lowman and daughter Elda Lowman of Elmira visited the first of the week at the James Eden home. Master Philip Eden returned with his grandmother to visit a few days.

Cecil Hartford Jr. accompanied other members of his Boy Scout troop on a weekend Scouting trip to the river near Elkton.

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## FROM THE NEWS OF 37 YEARS AGO

**KENT'S STORE AGAIN ROBBED; NO ARRESTS**  
 W. W. Kent's hardware store at Drain, which has been robbed a number of times within the past few years, continues to be a favorite visiting place for burglars. Two or more unknown men broke into the store last Monday night and stole goods to the value of approximately \$50.

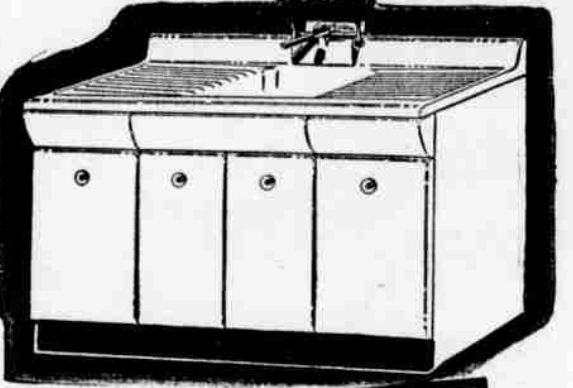
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