

Lost—One Back Seat Driver

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GOLD IN COOL WATER

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Income from the sale of timber on the Umpqua National forest is so large that we often fail to realize that the forest also produces revenue from other sources. A report made recently by M. M. "Red" Nelson, indicates that tourist revenue is no small item.

Nelson reported more than 60,000 visitors to the forest during 1948. This is a low figure, a drop, in fact, of 18 per cent from 1948.

The decrease is not because the forest is less attractive than previously in its recreational resources, but is due rather to road construction work. Heavy construction at both ends of the road and particularly between Rock Creek and the forest boundary discouraged travel. Another factor contributing to the slump was the condition at Diamond lake, where fishing has deteriorated because of the infestation by roach, a scrap fish now crowding out game fish by utilizing all available feed.

The Oregon state highway commission's travel information department reports that tourist expenditures amounted to \$5.75 per day per person for the 1949 season as compared with \$5.35 per person in 1948.

We do not have figures on visitor days in the Umpqua forest, but it is safe to assume, we believe, that enough multiple-day visitors enjoyed the forest to bring revenue well over a half million dollars, based on the \$5.75 per person figure.

While timber sale revenues eclipse recreational income, a half million dollars is something to consider. Only 25 per cent of the timber sale money comes back to the county although, of course, local benefits accrue from manufacturing payrolls. But all the money spent for recreational purposes is of immediate local benefit, as the dollars are used for gasoline, food, equipment, accommodations and other purposes.

Consequently an 18 per cent drop in forest visitors is a serious matter.

Insofar as road construction affects use of the forest there is little to be done until work is completed. The type of highway now being built will vastly increase visitation by recreation seekers.

The Diamond lake situation, however, is extremely critical. Nelson's report points out that the lake is the forest's major attraction. Normally tourists stay several days at the lake and their expenditures are far above the average. But, because of poor fishing, multiple-day vacationists were few at the resort this year.

The State Game commission is considering various plans to improve the lake's fishing, the most drastic scheme being to drain the lake to about one-third its normal capacity, then poison out all fish life and restock after the poison has been dissipated. This plan would be very costly, but, as shown by Nelson's report, the cost would not approximate the losses in tourist income.

The report also shows quite clearly the importance of rebuilding the fishery of the Umpqua river and its tributaries as rapidly as possible. We believe the river program now is well on its way. Expert studies are gradually bringing needed information to aid in improvement. The river has been closed to commercial fishing on game species. Heavy stocking with rainbow trout has provided good summertime trout catches and at the same time lessened pressure on native species.

Much remains to be done in halting siltation, pollution, high temperatures, etc., but every indication is that the sports fishery will improve if conservation efforts are continued.

The forest supervisor's report proves the importance of developing recreational resources to their maximum, particularly when 80 per cent of forest visitors are attracted by fishing potential.

We speak of the "green gold" in the forest, as we refer to income derived from the timber industry. But we should not forget that there also is "gold" in cool water.

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site was included in the Louisiana Purchase) the forward-looking liberals are always crucified by the backward-looking reactionaries. He then went on to imply that the Fair Deal's welfare state is as far-sighted a step as Jefferson's purchase of the Louisiana territory and in time will be accepted as an equally great achievement of statesmanship.

I HAVE no quarrel with Mr. Truman's little foray into history, nor is it my purpose to disagree with his conclusions. I just want to point out that he gave an impression of scholarly PERSONAL research in the preparation of his speech that is probably not warranted by the facts.

As he spoke the other night, you could almost see him in the library, his spectacles perched on his nose, great piles of books surrounding him, his eyes alight with the zeal of pursuit of knowl-

edge and his fingers inked as he labored over his notes.

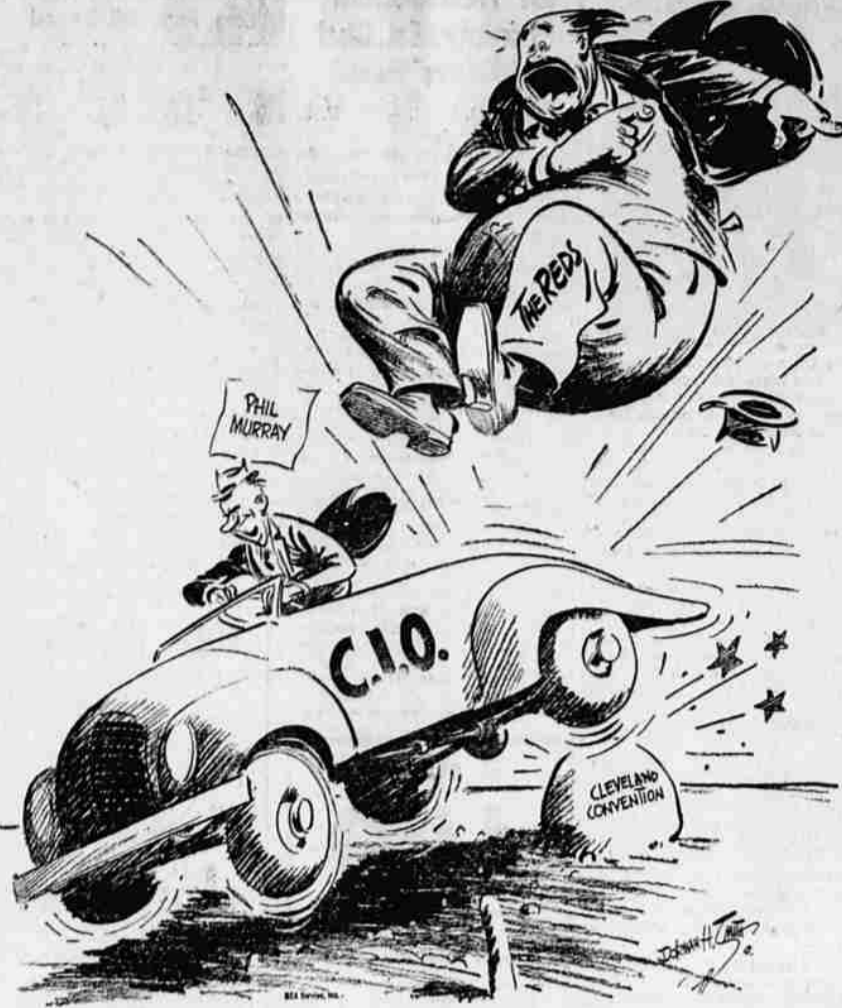
I doubt if that is what happened.

I think that in all probability his speech was prepared by a ghost writer, as are the speeches of most of our modern political giants, and that the first he knew about it was when the manuscript was laid on his desk.

That is how it is usually done in these days.

FOR that reason, I was a little cynical as I listened while he reread off the interesting (and quite accurate) story of Jefferson and Louisiana. Personally, I'm reaching the point where I wouldn't cross the street to hear the biggest man in the world read a speech THAT SOMEBODY ELSE HAD WRITTEN.

If I'm going to sit in a hard chair, squirming and twisting in an effort to adjust my bony structure to the chair's never very comfortable angles while I listen to somebody else spread pearls of wisdom before me, I want it



I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



ROY HATFIELD, pilot, instructor, and owner of the Tri-City Flying service. A native of Douglas county, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hatfield of South Deer creek. Graduated from the Roseburg schools, he served as a Navy flyer during the war.

Roy owns three planes which he uses for instruction at his flying field. At times he charters others to accommodate his needs. At present thirteen privately owned ships are quartered there.

The flying field which he now operates is one of the earliest business ventures in a district which now embraces a considerable community—Tri-City. Located near the junction of the Riddle road with the Pacific Highway south of Myrtle Creek, it is about equidistant from the towns of Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville. It boasts a variety of business houses, manufacturing plants and recreational and amusement facilities. It's name somehow or other has become associated in the public mind with affairs of all the southern part of the county. It lies in one of the very fertile areas and one of the first settled, in the county—the Missouri Bottoms.

to be something that he has dug up himself and which he himself believes and is saying it because he believes it. The speaker has all the fun and his hearers take all the grief. I think it is no more than fair that the speaker should have paid in mental sweat for the pleasure he gets out of listening to his own voice.

Knowing too much, unfortunately, about the way modern oratory is put together, I wouldn't have crossed the street the other night to listen to the President read something somebody else had written. But crossing the street had nothing to do with it. I was listening to a hill-billy program during the dinner hour when the radio came to a rather abrupt stop and somebody announced that the President of the United States would speak during

Oregon GOP Faces Tough Year, Gov. McKay Warns

PORTLAND—(AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay says that next year will be a critical one for the Republican party in this state. The governor told a GOP rally here that the Democrats would "move heaven and earth to take over in 1950. This is the last frontier, the last stronghold of Republicanism," he said. McKay called the basic issue a battle of opportunity vs. security. "Some people," he said, "seem to be willing to trade the thing that made this country great—an opportunity—for security."

Fugitive Convicts Are Captured Near Lakeview

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Nov. 8.—(AP)—Two California road gang convicts were captured south of here Saturday night by Lake County Sheriff Tommy Elliott. Elliott said the two men, Robert E. Bush, 26, and William M. McBride, 24, fled California road camp no. 39 near Alturas before midnight Friday. He said neither resisted when found near New Pine Creek along Highway 3.

and I'm equally sure they believed what they were saying. We know that Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg speech—wrote it with his own hand on a scrap of paper while riding to Gettysburg in the hard seat of a railroad day coach.

Those days are past. I have to concede that modern statesmen probably have no time to write speeches. Their time is taken up fully by the tasks of modern administration. I certainly don't criticize President Truman for doing what nearly everybody else in his place does.

But I'm so old-fashioned as to prefer not to waste my time listening to somebody read a political speech whose over-all strategy was first determined by a board of experts who are supposed to know what people will fall for and what they won't, which was then researched by some hired scholars and finally written by some semantics sharp who doubtless didn't care a hoot one way or the other but was given the job because he was good at putting words together.

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Well, the time has come to remember to cover up the old black marble clock when bedtime comes. If we forget, these cold nights, it will stop before morning. EJ laughed at me when I suggested the idea, that first winter of fireplace heat, but finally he tried it. The old clock kept running.

It was my grandfather's custom to buy something special for his wife upon the occasion of the birth of another child. Granny had seven. Mother was the last, born long after the others. So the clock was bought over seventy years ago when mother was born. As long ago as I can remember anything I remember the old clock. Three generations of children have learned to tell the time by it. I hope a grandson will, one of these days.

Sometimes as I sit sewing I listen to the leisurely old tick-tock, tick-tock of the old clock that weighs a hundred pounds and think of the housewives—I am the third—who have ordered their day by it. I love the feeling of continuity it gives. Through the years I have reluctantly left behind many an "old" thing dear to me for its family association, but—so far—I have held on to the clock.

My father moved it back and forth across the Atlantic three times for mother. She brought it as far as Detroit where, when we were married thirty years ago, it became one of our wedding presents. We took it to

Oklahoma, back to Detroit, then to California, and now to Oregon. The marble part travels in a barrel with sofa cushion packing, or excelsior as EJ prefers. The "works" with gilt dial is carried by hand, or next thing to it.

It must be quite a trial to a man who regards all hampering heirlooms as clutter, but he is philosophical about it, and packs it with such care that it is ticking again almost the first thing when we arrive at a new home.

A clock can be very companionable, especially when it ticks to its owner so many, many precious memories. "The marble clock will be telling you any minute now, boys, it's time to pick up your toys. . . ."



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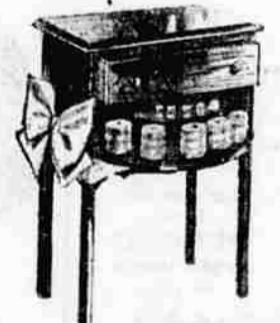
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