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"THE LAND IS HIS"

By CHARLES V. STANTON

An editorial written by Ralph McGill for the *Atlanta Constitution* is reprinted in the current edition of *Outdoor America*, official publication of the Izaak Walton League of America. This editorial, we believe, should be read by every American, and so, with credit to the two publications named above, we reproduce it herewith:

Sometimes it seems to me that we ought not to have developed the property idea so that man says, "This is mine." It would be much better if he had said, "I am trustee of this land, I and my children after me. We are responsible for it." As it has worked out we have developed a custom of saying, "It is mine. I will do what I please with it and it is my business only."
The result is that a man may let a thousand acres of the best crop land wash into the river and damage the future productivity of his region, and no one may do anything about it. A dozen or so men so doing can ruin a county. Thousands of men so doing can wreck a nation. We know that because we have seen how our own generations have, unwittingly, reduced our own crop lands to the danger point. Our once seemingly inexhaustible lands have been washing away since the first plow was put to earth.

Fierce pride in one's own possession is natural and understandable. Nevertheless, our tradition of saying "It is mine. I'll do as I please with it" is dangerous. We are, in truth, strangers and sojourners on it. It does, indeed, belong to the Creator, and it will not be sold forever.
All who own land should say to themselves, "The title to this land is registered to me at the courthouse, but I am but the trustee of it. After me come others. They have a right to expect the trustee to turn it over to the next generation improved and in honest condition."

Another truth is that we are just now learning to farm. Our forefathers brought with them to this country the European idea of farming. That their system did not, with but few exceptions (the Germans in Pennsylvania are an example), fit our soils and our terrain, did not occur to them. There was no need for it. There was always new land—stretching for miles and miles. If a hillside washed, one cleared another. If a meadow land ceased to grow good crops, one moved to another.

By 1840 the tobacco lands of Virginia were exhausted, and travelers reported abandoned farms and dismal poverty. It was the migration of cotton farmers from South Carolina and Georgia which supplied the momentum to fight the Indians for land in Alabama. It was migration from New England and Virginia which made Mississippi what it was as a cotton state.

Exhaustion and loss of soil are not new conditions, come suddenly upon us. They are ancient problems which we just now are beginning to understand.

Our forefathers simply didn't know. They did not inquire into it because there was always new land. One could build up and go. The early history of our country is strong with the land hunger of the time—the restless search for new land. And the most vigorous element in that land hunger was supplied by men who had already "worn out" land.
Now, when there is no new land, save that which may be opened by irrigation, and that which Alaska may furnish us, we turn to saving what we have.

Our pioneer past with its tradition of inexhaustible new land is so close to our present competitive age of the machine and transportation that we have difficulty adjusting our processes to it.

We must rearrange our thinking.
We may have title to the land. But we are not really owners—only trustees—strangers and sojourners on it, with a responsibility to the future.

Scoops from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

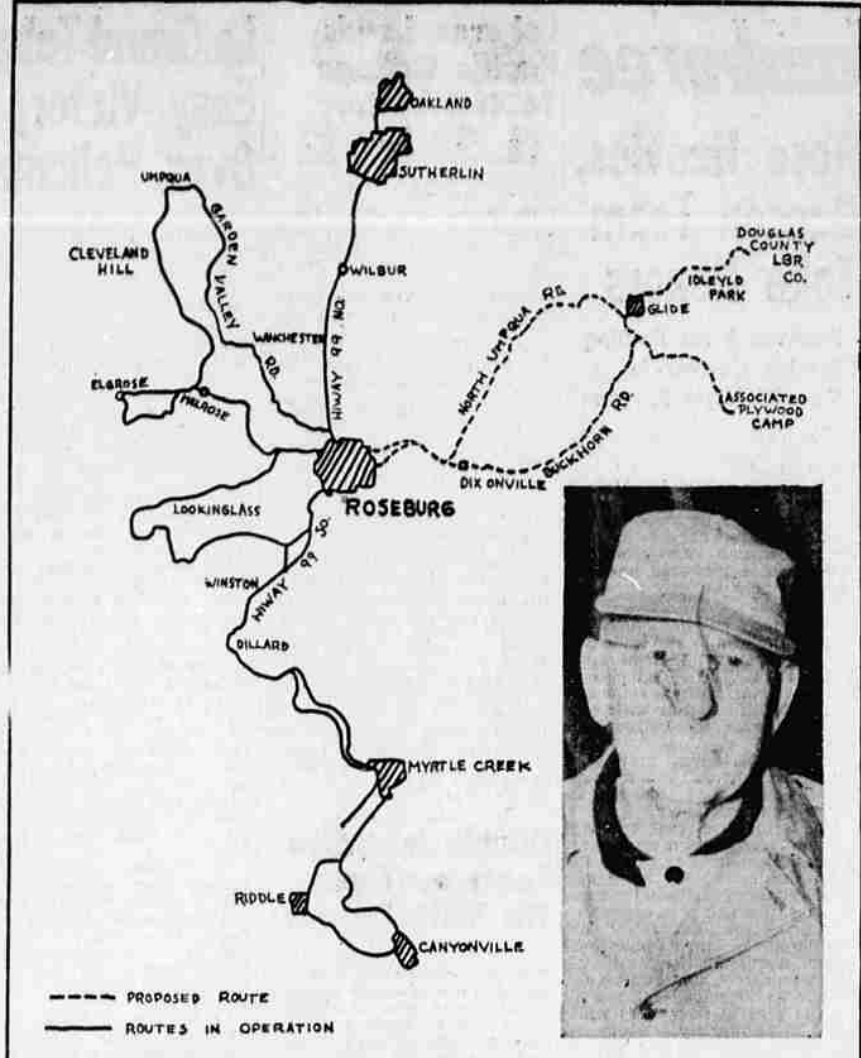
Right now if you wish to borrow a book from the town library in Cottage Grove, you go to the city hall, climb a long flight of stairs, and—so soon as you have recovered your breath—tell the friendly listener behind the desk what you have in mind; or perhaps ask her to advise you what reading will best help you in the subject interesting you most at the moment.
But there are times when you think of that long flight of stairs—and write a postal to the State Library to tell your needs! Even if you would enjoy a visit with your friend, Nellie Hamant, the town librarian, Mrs. Hamant has been serving the community there for over 20 years.
But things will be different soon. Mrs. Hamant is moving along with the books to a beautiful new building made possible through the generosity and vision of the Walter Woodards. No longer need anyone climb those stairs; the facilities of the library are to be temptingly at street-level. What a difference that should make in the number of patrons!

More children, too, I hope, will be drawn into the influence of the library. "All the known world," said Voltaire, "excepting only the savage nations, is governed by books." Thinking that often makes one realize how true it is! But how few homes have an adequate supply of books for their needs—and that's all right, too. For the town library is the home's extra room.
Fortunate the child who thinks of the librarian as his friend. Perhaps in future years it may dawn upon him how much the book so casually pointed out to him by his librarian influenced his life and thinking. The mother and the teacher need the town librarian, too, in their coterie; the child benefits by such cooperation.
I like to think that this new building, attractive, modern, close in, will draw many more children to make use of the library, thus establishing the habit of reading, and of finding how-to-do-it ideas for inspiration. Therefore, the new library will bless not only the child making use of it, but the future of which he is a part.

BAIL POSTED
Ray Agy Archer, Winston, posted \$20 bail in justice court Thursday on a charge of vehicle overload reported Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes.

RECEIVER DISCHARGED
William T. Evans Jr., upon filing of his petition, has been discharged as receiver in the case entitled James E. Blackledge vs. William W. Stanley. The order was signed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Greyhounds can average more than 35 miles an hour for more than a quarter-mile



NEW MOTOR ROUTE STARTS DEC. 1.—This map shows present motor routes operated by the News-Review and a proposed route—in dotted line—to start Dec. 1, serving News-Review subscribers along the North Umpqua and Little river roads. Inset shows George Frew, who will carry the new North Umpqua-Little river motor route. (See story page 1). (Staff photo).

LOCAL NEWS

Back From Portland—County Clerk Roy Agee has returned to Roseburg from a business trip to Portland.

Ill at Home—David Domenico is reported to be ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Domenico, in Roseburg.

Go to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Metzger of Roseburg are spending the weekend in Portland visiting the latter's mother.

Obtain Marriage License—A marriage license was issued this week at Vancouver, Wash., to Bernice Carter, 32, Roseburg.

Back Today—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Roadman are expected to return to Roseburg today after spending several days in Portland.

Society Notice—Society not appearing in today's paper, which was in the News-Review office before the Friday deadline at 10 a. m., will appear in the newspaper the first of the week as space allows.

To Game—Among Roseburg residents attending the annual homecoming football game in Eugene today between Oregon and Oregon State college were Mr. and Mrs. L. Twohy.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Margaret Biddle of Seattle is spending the week in Roseburg visiting her aunt, Miss Marie Martens and Mrs. Irma Blumer on North Jackson street.

Improving—Mrs. Ted Dauber is reported to be improving at Mercy hospital where she underwent an operation Wednesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wenger of this city.

Visits in Eugene—Mrs. R. B. Reed spent Thursday in Eugene as a guest of the Ad Libitum club. The club observed its 25th anniversary and Mrs. Reed is a charter member of the organization.

Attends Meeting—Mrs. S. A. Warg of Roseburg, vice-president of the Oregon P.T.A. Congress, went to Eugene Thursday as a speaker at the Lane County council of P.T.A. meeting. Mrs. Warg spoke on the subject, "The Study Group."

Narciss in Bloom—An Early Perfection narciss in full bloom was brought to the News-Review office Friday by Mrs. W. J. Hutch of Laurelwood. The narciss is considered by gardeners to be especially early by blooming in January.

Attend Game—Mr. and Mrs. George Luoma of Roseburg are attending the Oregon-Oregon State football game in Eugene today. They plan to spend the weekend in Eugene before returning home.

Meets Tonight—The Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is holding a potluck supper at the K. of P. hall tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Those attending are asked to bring their own silverware. Proceeds of the evening will be placed in a building fund.

In Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whipple and Mrs. Ella Lenox were today to Eugene today, where they will attend the Oregon-Oregon State football game. The Whipples plan to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Allen and Mrs. Lenox will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strader. The Straders and Allens are former Roseburg residents.

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

what WE can do for India. He has been extremely cagey about what INDIA can do for US.

YOU must have noted, over the years of the recent past, how acutely interested our friends and recent allies of Western Europe are in WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THEM.

But when we offer a few friendly suggestions as to what THEY CAN DO FOR US—such as cutting out the monkey business of frontiers and differing currencies, getting down to working and producing and trading with each other, etc.—their interest cools noticeably.

THAT suggests a disturbing thought: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO US AND OUR FRIENDSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHEN WE QUIT SHOWERING DOWN LIKE SANTA CLAUS?

THIS, I fear, is the answer: When we quit PASSING IT OUT to everybody who asks for it, we will be the MOST UNPOPULAR GUY IN THE WORLD.

THAT brings up another thought—not too pleasant: WHY THIS COLD WAR? Could it be that Stalin is just shrewd enough to have sized us up as a guy who can be prodded and scared into bankrupting himself in an effort to BUY friends and allies over the world? I sometimes wonder.

THERE'S another interesting little tale in the news. A psychology professor in Los Angeles says he has discovered why the radio "give-away" shows are so popular.

IT'S THE CINDERELLA COMPLEX.

IN each contestant's mind, he says, is an underlying desire for recognition, position and ESCAPE FROM THE HUMDRUM OF DAY-TO-DAY EXISTENCE (without work, of course.) He adds: "The contestant, usually an obscure housewife from Kankakee, Illinois, or some place, visualizes the program's sponsor as a 20th century fairy godmother capable of consummating these desires with a simple flick of a magic wand."

HERE'S a closing thought: The Truman administration, I think, beat the Los Angeles professor to it and designed the Fair Deal as the fairy godmother who will give all of us everything we want by the simple trick of flicking the magic wand. That is to say: The smart political boys who now run the works have us all sized up as CINDERELLAS. The way the scheme is working leads me to wonder if they may not be right. We've certainly been acting like Cinderella.

Society

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER HAS INTERESTING MEETING AT BARKER HOME

Alpha Iota chapter, Beta Sigma Phi held an interesting meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ernest Barker Jr. in Cloverdale park with Mrs. Ed Radigan and Mrs. Ralph Ohman, assisting hostesses, and Mrs. Robert Sabin in charge of the program on "Verse Making." Each member read an original poem with Mrs. Barker winning the first prize and Mrs. Frank Wickham winning the prize for the most comic poem.

Mrs. Robert Phillips, president, conducted the meeting. A created baby cup was presented to Mrs. Jerome F. Sheldon. Mrs. Robert Rhodes and Mrs. Lester Wimberly will bring cookies to the next meeting for the county home.

Guests present were Mrs. Harry Hill, Mrs. Warren Mack, Mrs. Byron Woodruff and Mrs. R. C. White. Members present were Mrs. Lester Wimberly, Miss Helen Casey, Mrs. Robert Phillips, Mrs. Frank Wickham, Mrs. Verdun Boucock, Mrs. Walter Welker, Mrs. Frank Rogan, Mrs. Elliott Perkins, Mrs. Jerome F. Sheldon, Mrs. Ralph Ohman, Mrs. Robin Sabin, Mrs. Ed Radigan, Mrs. Craig Short, Mrs. Sidney Domenico and Mrs. Ernest Barker Jr.

The next meeting will be at eight o'clock the evening of December 1 with Mrs. Walter Welker at 600 S. Jackson street with Mrs. Lester Wimberly and Mrs. Verdun Boucock assisting hostesses and Mrs. Ed Radigan in charge of the program on "Pictures."

Members and guests enjoying the occasion were: Mrs. Roy Sedell, Mrs. E. R. Harvey, Mrs. John E. Killip, Mrs. L. K. Fies, Mrs. Maurice L. Hallmark, Mrs. Alfred C. Anderson, Mrs. Robert H. Savage, Mrs. Herman Mattisoff, Mrs. G. W. Marshall, Mrs. Walter S. Fisher, Mrs. A. B. Collier, Mrs. Fred Lockwood, Mrs. Richard Coen, Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, Mrs. A. G. Henninger, Mrs. Ted Mousse, Mrs. Robert Doty, Mrs. T. W. Suckling, Mrs. Fred Stever.

Mrs. Abe Bean, Mrs. H. Weinberg, Mrs. I. J. Bean, Mrs. D. B. Kesner, Mrs. O. L. Torrey, Mrs. F. R. Osterhaut, Mrs. E. C. Thatcher, Mrs. R. D. Bridges, Mrs. Joe V. Perrault, Mrs. H. C. Stearns, Mrs. Walter H. Brydges, Mrs. T. J. McCarty, Mrs. Clyde Fullerton, Mrs. E. A. Pearson, Mrs. Ben L. Martin, Mrs. James Hughes, Mrs. Mitchell Moore, Mrs. Armour Murdock, Mrs. Arlo M. Jacklin.

Mrs. Vance Eager, Mrs. L. G. Twohy, Mrs. Paul Geddes, Mrs. Harrie W. Booth, Mrs. W. F. Amiot, Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. E. A. Neuru, Miss Helen Casey, Mrs. J. F. Dillard, Miss Naomi Scott, Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Mrs. Paul Helweg, Mrs. C. B. Wade, Mrs. Chester Morgan, Mrs. William C. Lindsell, Mrs. W. G. Schoenleber, Mrs. T. H. Wirak, Mrs. G. N. Siefert, Mrs. Frank Woodworth and Mrs. Frederick J. Porter.

Mrs. James Hughes, chairman, Mrs. Mitchell Moore and Mrs. Roy Sedell were in charge of the card play during the pleasant afternoon hours.

Canasta prizes went to Mrs. F. R. Osterhaut and Mrs. Robert Doty. Guest prizes in the bridge play went to Mrs. I. J. Bean, Mrs. Norman Siefert and Mrs. Frank Woodworth, guests, and to the following members: Mrs. W. F. Amiot, first; Mrs. Maurice L. Hallmark, second, and Mrs. Alfred Anderson, third. The traveling prize was won by Mrs. A. B. Collier.

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RMS. CORKRUM IS HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB AT LUNCHEON

Red carnations and tall red tapers formed the attractive decorations for the table used by Mrs. Bert Corkrum Tuesday, when she entertained her bridge club at a charming one o'clock luncheon at her lovely home in Laurelwood. Bouquets of yellow and copper colored chrysanthemums were arranged about the rooms.

Covers were placed for Mrs. Harold E. Schmeer and Mrs. Frank Woodworth, guests, and Mrs. Ted Wirak, Mrs. Maurice L. Hallmark, Mrs. O. R. Hess, Mrs. E. A. Pearson, Mrs. L. K. Fies, Mrs. M. C. Bowker and the hostess, Mrs. Corkrum.
High scores for the contract bridge play were won by Mrs. Schmeer and Mrs. Bowker.

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JILL AMUNDSON IS HONORED AT LOVELY PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

Jill Amundson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Amundson, was honored at a very lovely party Saturday afternoon in honor of her eighth birthday, which occurred the preceding day.
Balloon and sucker favors were given to the guests. Games were played and lovely gifts were presented to Jill from Bert Graham, Kimberley Lies, Janie and Ross Hofstad, Larry West, Kay Walling, Barbara and Ronnie Upright, Bobby and Tonia Canoso, Ray Dubell, June Green, Judy Schmidt, Gary and Diane Donovan and Jackie Amundson. A beautifully decorated birthday cake, lighted by eight tiny candles, was cut and served with pumpkin ice-cream and root beer pop later in the afternoon by the hostess, Mrs. Amundson, assisted by Mrs. Vautie Upright, Mrs. Alice West and Mrs. Irene Hofstad.

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