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## PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

What does the year 1950 hold in store for the Umpqua Basin? Are we slowing down from our postwar boom? Will we have a new rush of industry and population? Will we have a continued high level of prosperity?

Only one county in Oregon, Jefferson, has grown at a faster pace than Douglas county, Jefferson's expansion being due to installation of a defense plant. Douglas county's rate of growth has slowed noticeably in recent months, but there is every reason to believe that growth will continue and that we might even have another boom period larger than that of the last five years.

We have every reason to anticipate continued prosperity during the coming year. The lumber market has recovered from its slump of last year, and reports show orders in excess of production during the past few months, even though production was far above average. Indications are that the country's building program will be bigger than normal during the coming year, requiring abundant supplies of wood products. If a large-scale federal housing program is added, the lumber market should remain in excellent shape throughout the year.

The Umpqua Basin's timber industry is only in its infancy. While we need no more mills to cut rough, green lumber, tremendous opportunities exist for other lines of wood manufacturing.

Several of our larger operators recently have added planers, dry kilns and other treatment and processing facilities. Thus they are producing a better product and, in so doing, are furnishing more jobs. Doubtless more such facilities will be provided during the year ahead.

But our big opportunity lies in utilization of materials now being wasted. At least one Douglas county mill is planning full utilization, through installation of a wallboard plant and other processes making use of wastes now going into burners. Other plants doubtless will gradually build up more efficiency and fuller utilization.

The year may see construction of one or more new plywood factories in the Roseburg area. Opportunity exists for at least two kraft paper mills. Available waste would support two or three wood sugar molasses plants. Exceptional opportunities exist for installation of sash and door factories, furniture factories, toy factories, plants for building wooden trailer houses, etc.—all possible without cutting one more tree than at present. These processes would not increase timber removal; but they would provide more efficient use of our timber supply.

Yet, if we improve our use of the timber resources we will double, or even treble, the number of jobs, will diversify our industrial income and will better stabilize employment.

Because each process connected with turning wood into specialized products uses much more labor than does the cutting of a log into rough, green lumber, it is entirely possible to at least treble jobs and payrolls without cutting one more tree than at present. Furthermore, we could double population again by providing processes for utilization of material now being burned or left to rot in the woods—still without cutting any more trees. Processes exist whereby all this waste material can be converted into useful products. We need only interest investment capital in pioneering such processes. This task, however, is extremely difficult in face of unrealistic and discouraging federal tax practices.

During 1950 the Umpqua Basin will have available new hydroelectric production more than equalling present rate of consumption. In other words, we will have power available to permit a 100 per cent increase in industrial use. By the end of the year we will have still more power, and by 1952 will be able to double again. If this power is not consumed locally it will be transmitted elsewhere. It is our personal hope that every kilowatt from Copco's new generating units will be utilized by expanded industry and business in the Umpqua Basin. That wish, of course, is selfish and provincial, but, at the same time, the opportunity exists here to utilize all that power efficiently and, simultaneously, provide needed conservation of our timber resources.

If we could publicize properly the opportunities existing in the Umpqua Basin and could reach and interest industrial leadership in what we have to offer, it is entirely possible that the boom of the last few years would be so far exceeded as to seem insignificant.

At least, we believe, 1950 will see continued growth, even though we may not expand as rapidly as in the last few years, and that we will maintain better than average prosperity and employment.

### Suit Filed To Collect For Labor And Materials

James R. Daugherty, filed suit in circuit court demanding judgment in the sum of \$1,305.83 with interest and costs from John J. Thomnes, for alleged non-payment for labor and materials furnished to the defendant. Credit Bureau Adjustment Dept., Inc., filed suit in circuit court demanding judgment in the sum of \$499.21, plus interest and costs from L. E. and Mrs. L. E. Mooney, husband and wife, for alleged non-payment of merchandise on an assigned account.

### FINE IMPOSED

Stanley Charles Meeker, 28, Canyonville, charged with reckless driving and no tail light, was

### Jay Sorseth Transferred In Penney Store System

Jay Sorseth, assistant manager of the Roseburg J. C. Penney store, is being transferred to Portland for assignment at the company's Fifth and Washington store. He will report in Portland Tuesday, and his family will join him at a later date. Sorseth came to Roseburg 18 months ago from Albany. He previously was employed by the company in Lebanon and Corvallis stores.

He was fined \$10 and costs when he appeared in Justice court, Justice A. J. Geddes reported.

## Funny How Our Own Babies Are The Best Looking



### Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnatt S. Martin

They were shooting ducks that Thursday before Christmas on 38 and on 36. We saw one man run like mad to where a duck had fallen. Some friends gave us two very attractively boxed dressed ducks "all ready to cook — just put right in the oven." I opened the box—well, one whiff and it was no use. I wrote a thank-you note that was sincere as anyone could have written—I did appreciate their thought of us! And I could keep the thought always (and write about it four or five years later in this column!) But the ducks . . . Made me think of the day we had "roast shark"—another gift. "Try it. It's delicious. You've eaten shark many a time and didn't know it. A shark by some other name is still shark . . ."

I felt it my duty to roast the slice of shark. As attractive a dinner as I could put on table. My plate was passed to me . . . the boys were served . . . Dad helped himself. "It's no use," I said, "I can't eat shark."

The boys pushed their plates away, delighted that Mom was saving them an argument on that score! Dad grinned. "Darned if I like the idea. Got any eggs?" My English 'uncle used to "hang" game until—well, until he thought it was good. Not for me, thanks. He liked a cheese . . . well, let's talk of things that haven't set around so long. Saw a man building a houseboat. I'd love to live on a houseboat if I could have nice fresh spring water piped right into it, and little window boxes with red geranium in them, a railed-in upper deck and awning. But since there is no chance of having a copy of one of those lovely houseboats one sees—or used to see—on the Thames, I'll just go on putting wood into our fireplace here and be happy with this.

Saw a man with a long pole walking around on slippery, wet rolling logs, as casual as you please. On the Umpqua. Log boom. Couldn't see another soul anywhere near him. That takes nerve!

### In the Day's News

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eral income taxes alone. The same amount (on the average), it says, goes to pay for automobiles, furniture and household appliances.

THIS thought promptly occurs to a lot of us:

If we didn't have to pay out so much for federal taxes, we'd HAVE MORE MONEY LEFT for automobiles, furniture and the gadgets that are presumed to make modern life more enjoyable.

THIS one comes from New York:

"American taxpayers are expected to put up a record TWO BILLION DOLLARS next year for roads and highways. Today they have the cheering word that they might save 200 million dollars on the deal. . . . That is because road construction costs are down about 10 per cent from their 1948 peak."

The dispatch then adds: "The resulting saving on next year's road bill could mean either 200 million dollars for more roads or a 200 million dollar reduction in taxes. However, don't count your tax savings before they are hatched. Taxes often go up, rarely come down."

Part (a fairly large part) of the cost of building highways is borne by taxes paid by motorists (gas taxes, etc.)

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the annual burden of state and federal gasoline and automotive taxes now runs "alarmingly close to \$100 per vehicle."

It all goes to show, you see, there is no such thing as something for nothing. We think of money from government as m nna showered down from heaven, but in the long run we discover that it all comes out of our pockets, just the same.

## Local News

**Daughter Is Born**—A daughter, Glenda Jean, weighing eight pounds seven ounces, was born Dec. 23 at Boomer Maternity home near Drain to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bragg of Oakland.

**Back From California**—Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Harrah have returned to their home on South Pine street, following a trip by plane to San Francisco to spend Christmas week with relatives and friends.

**Visiting in California**—Robert E. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mathis of Roseburg, and a junior at University of Oregon, is spending the holiday vacation in Los Angeles visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. E. Mathis, and three aunts, Miss Cora, Miss Olive and Miss Francis Mathis.

**Return to Burns**—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rhoads, Mrs. Sarah Fuller and Mrs. Josephine Jenkins have returned to their homes in Burns, Ore., following a visit with relatives in Roseburg. The Rhoads were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett. Mrs. Jenkins is the grandmother of Mrs. Burnett.

**Visitors Leave**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dishman and son, Billy Best, of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Radtke of Dunsmuir, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simpson and daughter, Cherie, of Spokane, Wash., have returned to their homes, following a visit in Roseburg with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dishman, Robert Dishman and Mrs. Radtke are the son and daughter of the Dishmans.

**In Washington, D.C.**—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wimberly and children, Donald and Jane, of Berkeley, Calif., are making their home in Washington, D.C., for several months, where Mr. Wimberly is on a special assignment. He is associated with the Standard Oil of California research department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Wimberly of Roseburg.

**Son Is Born**—A son, Edward Michael, weighing eight pounds eleven ounces, was born Dec. 26 at Boomer Maternity home near Drain to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scollard of Drain.

**Attend Funeral**—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Pinkerton have returned to their home in Roseburg, following a trip to Albany to attend the funeral of Mrs. Holstein, 92, a close friend of the family for many years. While in Albany they visited Mrs. Pinkerton's son, Yates Sherer, and with her brother, Victor Yates.

**Reported Very Ill**—Dr. Charles A. Edwards, retired Methodist minister and resident of Roseburg for many years and who recently left here to reside with his son, John Edwards at 908 14th street, Santa Monica, Calif., is reported to be quite ill at the hospital in Santa Monica. He reports he was glad to receive so many Christmas cards from Roseburg friends, but on account of his illness has been unable to answer them.

### War Assets Department Reaches End Of Career

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—General Services Administrator Jess Larson wiped out the War Assets Administration today. Larson, himself a former War Assets administrator, said WAA has disposed of almost all of the \$27,200,000,000 in personal and real property once deposited with it as surplus.

What remains, he said, will be dumped Jan. 1 into a new liquidation unit of general services administration.

### Green Community Bible Meeting Set Tuesday

The weekly Bible study and prayer meeting for the Green community will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Ivan Castle, on old highway 99 near the Happy Valley road. The meeting is non-denominational in character and all members of the community are invited to attend.

## Veterans Hospital Party For Kids Proved Big Affair

Christmas week runs out with the eve of New Years but none who saw the veteran's hospital festivities begin will soon forget the "kick-off party"—the one given by the employees' association for children of the personnel. "It" was the most enthusiastic of many events immediately before and following the Christmas. It was for kids.

By actual count 408 youngsters attended. They did not take into consideration babies in the arms of their mothers or dads. Checked in with the small fry were 180 adults. Master of ceremonies Del Jewett was Santa Claus and he was a busy boy in his workshop preparing for the long journey ahead. Mrs. Santa Claus, none other than Mrs. John L. Haskins, helped with the job. Santa Claus didn't have to make the trip—this year the boys and the girls came to him. And how!

There were 260 Christmas stockings; assorted toys, 280 of them, and 160 brightly colored balloons. Home made cakes, ice cream and cookies. Of course coffee, gallons, for the big kids. It didn't cost anyone present a dime—all for free—the employees' association footed the bill.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. A. L. Simmons and Chief Nurse Ruth S. Bloom. Games, group singing and Sally Hill's dancing pupils were on the program. The refreshment committee consisted of Peggy Joyce, Juanita Turnage, Mona Riley, and H. L. King.

Decorations were engineered by Harold Bloomer, Mrs. Gilpin and Mickey Hard. The man behind the scenes directing the assistants on the work shop of Santa Claus was Bob Allen.

## Girl Scout Troop Holds Birthday, Christmas Party

The Riversdale Girl Scout troop held a combined birthday and Christmas party Dec. 20 at the Riversdale school.

The following girls were invited: Ann Jennie, Joyce Nazzelrod, Janice Eastman, Ann MacDonald and Phyllis Bellinger.

The following girls received their year star pins: Sandra Humphreys, Betty Brydges, Roa Hubbard, Judy Ott, Coleen McDonald, Joan Kruse, Bonnie Nazzelrod, Lois Neptune, Elva Pratt and Anna Bromps.

All troop members received their new world pins. This is the first troop in this area to receive these pins of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts as a symbol of their friendship with girls around the world.

The pin, which may be worn by any member of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., along with her regular scout pin, has a gold world trefoil on a bright blue ground, representing the sun in a blue sky. Designed by a member of the Norwegian Girl Guides association, the trefoil has stars in two of its leaves, symbolizing the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides' promise and laws; a line symbolizing the compass needle, which guides, and a flame-like base representing the flame of love of mankind.

After the ceremony the girls presented their leader, Mrs. W. E. Ott Jr. with a poinsettia and served refreshments to their mothers.

Members met at the school Dec. 21 and sanded Christmas candy. On Dec. 22 the scouts went caroling in the Riversdale community. The group concluded by going to the home of Joan Kruse for refreshments.

### Watch-Night Service Set At Armory Tonight

Tonight, New Year's eve, the Luther league of Faith Lutheran church will sponsor a candle-lighting watch night service at the Roseburg armory.

The service will begin at 11 p. m. and shortly after midnight. Six of the young people in the league and Pastor Willis Erickson will participate in the program.

Preceding the service, an evening of recreation and fellowship is being planned, beginning at about 8:30 p. m. Coffee and a light lunch will be served at 10 p. m. All members and friends of Faith church are cordially invited to attend. The public is welcome.

## State Liquor Store At Brownsville Robbed

BROWNVILLE, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The state liquor store here was robbed during Wednesday night of an undetermined quantity of liquor, a state police reported. Kenneth Templar, who operates the liquor store and a sport-ing goods establishment in the same building, said four pistols, ammunition, and \$15 in cash were also taken. An inventory was underway to determine the liquor loss.

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