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FOREST ACCESS ROADS

By Charles V. Stanton

Approximately $100,000,000 of federal funds should be spent during the next ten years to construct 7,256 miles of new access roads in publicly-owned timber lands in the Pacific Northwest and to improve 4,189 miles of existing roads. This estimate of need is made by the U. S. Forest service, which points out that the proposed expenditure would be self-liquidating.

The report says that cost of needed-now roads is calculated in appraisals when sales are made. Thus the government actually pays for the roads, but fails to get a suitable pattern. By constructing main access arterials, increase in stumpage values would more than offset road building costs. At the same time removal of timber could be handled on a more orderly basis.

A "fact sheet" issued by the Forest service reports that 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington contain 231 billion board feet of commercial saw timber—17 percent of the nation's total supply. The annual cut permissible under sustained yield management of these forests is two and one-half billion board feet. Actual cut, however, is approximately one and one-half billion feet.

Full allowable cut is not now possible because the necessary access roads over which to transport logs to the mills from the rough back country are lacking.

Balanced Cutting Urged

Much of the privately-owned timber in the two states has been largely cut over. In those areas, at least, the national forests should be contributing their total allowable cut. This would help meet national needs for forest products and permit use of private lands for growing new timber crops.

In areas where a better balance exists between private and public timber, access roads are equally important.

Often mature stands, which should be cut first, are most remote. If the harvest of timber progresses in the best manner, access roads must be built through miles of younger timber in order to harvest ripe trees. Substantial volumes of high value timber reportedly are dying each year because of the lack of needed roads.

Logging is becoming more and more seasonal, because timber to which there is easy access is being rapidly logged off. If roads were provided to make logging possible from remote areas in summer, saving more accessible timber for winter "shows," logging employment would be made less seasonal.

Would Improve Local Economy

By reducing unemployment during winter seasons access roads would contribute in important measure to local economy. At the same time, by bringing volume up to total allowable cut, more timber would be made available to operators, thus increasing mill employment and manufacturing. The competitive situation also would be improved, as operators who do not have financial resources to build their own roads would be able to bid on small tracts.

Still another advantage would be in controlling the cut to reduce damage from erosion, while protecting watersheds and scenic values.

Another strong argument is that of national defense. A full-scale war will demand large quantities of wood and wood products. The last war proved that wood is one of our most vital war materials.

A well planned and constructed system of access roads would assure availability of all the wood needed for any defense use.

Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Perhaps other attics contain items of historical interest, such as the trunk at the Richard Weatherly home in Scottsburg, which recently was discovered to contain a log of the whaling ship Omega dated 1844-5. If so, the excerpts from letters from Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, and David C. Duniway, state archivist, may inspire owners of such items to send a description of the old book, or whatever, to the state library at Salem for inclusion in the index of such treasures.

"As to Omega," wrote Miss Stephens, "I did spend some time today with three different assistants in reference room and in archives trying to trail said ship . . . I gave the request to Miss Baumgartner in the reference room in case anything further does come to light, but in the light of dates of Oregon history, 1844 is pretty early for written records!"

Mr. Duniway was away at the time, but upon his return he wrote:

"Such records are fascinating, and I wonder what else there is in the same trunk!" So do I! I had sent in a clipping of this column relaying the information given me by Mrs. Weatherley. She had said, "The log was in an old trunk; we found it only three weeks ago . . ."

"We have not been able to identify the boat," continues Mr. Duniway, "from the resources of this library, but if the present owners are interested in learning more about it I have two suggestions to make. In the first place, most of the whaling ships on the west coast came from the eastern ports, and undoubtedly the log shows the port from which it originally cleared." (It was Dedham, I think) "The records of the boats registered or enrolled from that port, now in the National Archives, Washington 25, D. C., would reveal the name of the captain, the names of the owners, the size and character of the boat.

"It might be that the National Archives would also have the outgoing cargo manifest, or would be able to tell you where it may be found . . . or inquiry be made of the Peabody museum, Salem, Massachusetts, which has one of the finest collections of nautical material in the country. They might be glad to obtain a photographic copy of the document on microfilm and, if the owner is willing, I would be willing to make arrangements to have it copied without charge to him at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. Thank you for bringing it to our attention."

War Sidelights

Marriage License

COLLINS-PARROTT —Jack Lee Collins, Eugene and Dorothy M Parrott, Roseburg.

Divorce Suits Filed

DALTON —Marian J., vs. Aaron R. Dalton. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

WILLIAMS — Willard vs. Christine Williams. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child.

KENT — Eunice Marline vs. William Harrison Kent. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks restoration of former name.

Soldiers, Wives Make Mass Blood Donation

FORT LEWIS—(AP)—More than 500 soldiers and wives of fighting men stationed at Fort Lewis gathered at the post gymnasium Tuesday to offer their blood in a mass donation for wounded servicemen in Korea.

A unit of the Portland region Red Cross with doctors and nurses taking the whole pints of blood, worked all day in an effort to get all the offerings. The gym was divided into 20-bed units to maintain smoothness of operation.

Soldiers of the area who expected to be seeing action soon themselves, and wives of men already in Korea stood side by side as they waited to give their blood.

The Question Is: Shall We Rearm Germany?

Local News

To Eugene — Mrs. J. C. Hume drove to Eugene Thursday with the Harris Ellsworths.

Vacationing — Merle Pugh, of the News-Review staff, is spending the week vacationing.

Here Wednesday— Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kuckenberg of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Staples of Medford were visitors in Roseburg over Wednesday.

Visiting in Portland — Mrs. A. G. Flegel of Roseburg is spending a few days in Portland visiting relatives and friends.

Leave This Morning — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutchings of Roseburg left this morning for Portland to their families.

Return from California—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sellars have returned from a two-week trip to San Francisco, Oakland and Modesto.

Lazy Daisy Club Meets — The Lazy Daisy club will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Robert Russell on Houck street.

Guild To Meet — St. George's guild sewing group will meet Oct. 4 at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. George E. Houck, 425 S. Stephens St.

Altar Guild To Meet — St. George's Altar guild will meet Monday night, Sept. 25 at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. L. K. Cornwell, 920 Lilburn, in Laurelwood.

To Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Permin have gone to Portland on business. They expect to be away until Sunday.

Educator Visits — Miss Jessie M. Smith of Eugene, assistant professor in business administration, made a visit to her mother, Mrs. John H. Herstine of Sutherlin, before leaving for Columbia university in New York, where she has received the President's scholarship. Miss Smith is on sabbatical leave of absence from her position on the faculty of the University of Oregon.

At Bandon — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and children spent the weekend at Bandon.

Wilder's Return — Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wilder of Chadwick St. have returned to their home after a ten-day trip to Port Angeles and Victoria. While in Victoria they visited friends.

Return from Redding — Mrs. J. S. Inscho has returned home following a two-week visit at the home of her son, B. R. Inscho, and family at Redding, Calif.

Visitors Depart— Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCoy of Barstow, Calif., have returned to their home, following a visit in Roseburg with Mr. and Mrs. James Simmons. Mrs. McCoy is a niece of Mrs. Simmons.

Fullerton Club To Meet — The Fullerton Folk Dance club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helweg Friday night at 7:45. In case of rain, the meeting will adjourn to Fullerton gym.

At Van Dyne Home — Mr. and Mrs. E. Soderland of Oakland, Calif., were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Mary Van Dyne. Mrs. Soderland is a cousin of the late Mr. Roy Van Dyne. They will visit in Seattle before returning to their California home.

Visitors from Berkeley—Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harlow of Berkeley, Calif., were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cummings on Harvard Ave. Mr. Harlow and Mr. Cummings are cousins. The Harlows plan to visit Klamath county for fishing before returning to their home.

Here for Visit — Mrs. Julius Riddle of Berkeley, Calif., is a guest at the home of her parents-in-law, Attorney and Mrs. Ira B. Riddle, in Laurelwood. Mrs. Riddle brought her daughter, Miss Patricia Bishop, north with her and the latter has resumed her studies at University of Oregon. Mr. Riddle will join his wife here Saturday and, following a visit with his parents, will take a vacation, accompanied by Mrs. Riddle.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page One)

almost as if it had never occurred to them that by using all their forces in an attempt to drive us down the long, thin peninsula and finally push us off the end of it into the sea THEY MIGHT BE LEADING THEMSELVES INTO A TRAP.

The news suggests that they just didn't stop to think that we might land from the sea in force BEHIND THEM and catch them like snipe that had run into a bag.

Why would that, if it turned out to be true, be important?

It's like this. If we have to fight Asiatics, we can't depend on numbers. It's the Asiatics who have the numbers. They're like the sands of the sea. Or a plague of advancing locusts.

They can't be outnumbered.

They have to be OUT-THOUGHT.

Maybe, in Korea, we've outthought them. Anyway, we hope so. It's as certain as anything can be that only by out-thinking him can we hope to overcome an Asiatic opponent. If we've done it once, maybe we can go on out-thinking the Asiatics. It's our only hope. We CAN'T outnumber them.

Do you remember the little band of Americans gathered at the top of Bunker Hill (or Breed's Hill, to be more literally accurate)? They were outnumbered by the advancing, disciplined British. They held their fire until they could "see the whites of the Britishers' eyes" and made every shot count.

Farther along in the struggle of the little thirteen colonies for their independence, General Jackson did the same thing down at New Orleans. Sheltering behind a barricade of spongy palmetto logs, his backwoods riflemen held their fire and grimly watched the disciplined advance of the redcoats.

When the time came to shoot, each backwoodsman picked his target as if it were a squirrel in the top of a tree and AGAIN every shot counted. The red-coated infantrymen of Britain were stopped and the battle of New Orleans was won.

Why this excursion back into our own fighting history?

At Kimpo airfield near Seoul the other day a little band of our marines got there quick. There were only a few of them. They were in a strategic spot and they HAD to hold on.

They went back to the tactics of their backwoods ancestors at Brandywine, at Bunker Hill and at New Orleans. They held their fire and they took careful aim. They pulled trigger ONLY when they had a communist right in the sights.

Their deadly shooting was too much for the commies, and the marines on Kimpo field HELD ON TILL HELP CAME.

By WENDELL WEBB
Editor, The Oregon Statesman

THE CONSTANT CHALLENGE

A newspaper is highly departmentalized, and one of its major departments of of necessity must comprise a business office.

It is here that the "proof of the pudding" is found, as to whether operations are on a paying basis, as to whether collections are in good shape, and as to whether the ink on the books is red or black.

The business office, as in every line of work, keeps itself worrying about paying the bills and taxes.

On a newspaper there is a constant if friendly friction between the business office and the news and editorial department. The business office knows that if a news story or editorial offends an advertiser it is going to cost money for a time, unless the advertiser fully realizes that a newspaper is as necessary to him as he is to the newspaper.

The same goes for news stories and editorials pertaining to individuals or groups of individuals. A newspaper periodically goes through the throes of calls to "stop my subscription," when a story or editorial offends. But no matter how difficult, the news and editorial departments cannot, in keeping faith with the public at large, allow the opinion of the business office to make a difference to their own integrity. And even the business office would not want it otherwise —cringe though it must, at times.

The business office, as with every other staff member of a good newspaper, knows that no department wants to hurt anyone, or anything. But a newspaper is not a Pollyana. If it is news it's news, good or bad. If a newspaper thinks something is out of line, it is its duty to call attention. It must be alert, fair, completely impartial in its news columns and take the chips where they fall. A "free" press cannot remain free if it is subsidized through yielding to private pressures.

Food Sale Saturday — The Past Matrons club will sponsor a food sale Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Umpqua Valley hardware store. All Eastern Star members and friends are asked to assist with donations for the sale.

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Registration Of Voters Urged By Toastmasters

Four members of the Roseburg Toastmasters club Tuesday night recorded for later broadcast an informal forum urging unregistered voters to sign before the general election deadline.

The forum, transcribed by KRNR for release Sept. 27 as a public service, was delivered following the regular weekly meeting, with Toastmasters Jim Turk, Pat Turner, Lowell Hamm and Bob Harvie participating.

Sponsored by the Citizens Nonpartisan Registration committee of Douglas county, the 15-minute forum is designed to highlight a voters' registration drive slated for next week. The speakers answered questions relative to absente balloting, obtaining certificates of registration, changing party affiliations and reminded listeners of the Oct. 7 deadline for registration.

Officers Elected

The regularly-scheduled portion of the meeting saw Robert Allen elected president of the Roseburg organization and Bob Harvie named vice-president. Other officers elected, all of whom will take office Oct. 3 for a six-months term, include Turner, secretary; Tom Coates, treasurer; Jack Towt, sergeant-at-arms; Mickey Hard, educational chairman, and Jim Turk, deputy governor.

Speakers heard during the evening were Tom Coates, urging correction of the Stephens street traffic snarl; Top Patty and Mel Battee, both of whom delivered autobiographies, and Norm Toelle, who told of a personal hunting incident. Dr. S. L. DeLapp was evaluator and critics were Warren Mack, Harvie, Hamm and Ed Drysdale. Phil Harth served as toastmaster and Mike Dilley was in charge of table topics.

ESTATE IN PROBATE

The will of Jennie S. Lasswell has been admitted to probate, and Sidney S. Lasswell and Avery L. Lasswell, sons of the deceased, have been appointed joint executors of the $29,000 estate, by order of County Judge D. N. Busenbark.

The estimated value of the real property is $7,500 and personal property which is partly owned valued at $21 000.

Appraisers appointed are R. F. Randall, William Griswold and C. A. Catching.

Plaintiffs Favored In Brace Of Judgments

Two judgments have been issued by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly against Everett Brittain. Both orders were in favor of plaintiffs Clifford M. Cooper, R. T. Cooper, George Cooper and Thomas Melton for a total of $3,315.08.

The plaintiffs were awarded $2,030 in the first judgment and it was decreed that a certain real property mortgage held by the defendant and his wife, Lillian Brittain, shall be foreclosed and sold at a sheriff's sale.

The money is allegedly due on a promissory note which was secured by the mortgage and log hauling contract.

Brittain was named as defendant in the second judgment for $285.08 for an alleged breach of contract involving log hauling.

Attends Training Course —Mrs. Ralph Herman, executive secretary of the Douglas County chapter of the Red Cross, flew to San Francisco to attend a two-week training course given for executive secretaries of the Pacific area. Mrs. Flossie Virden will be in charge of the Red Cross office during the absence of Mrs. Herman, who will return Oct. 1.

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