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## PAPER MILL COSTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON  
Why are we so slow getting paper manufacture tied in with our rapidly developing timber industry? How much does a paper mill cost? What physical requirements are essential to paper production? Is capital available for paper mills? Answers to these questions have a vital bearing on our industrial development.  
We recently presented some of these questions to Dr. Phimister B. Proctor, managing director of the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at Oregon State college. Dr. Proctor has been very active in preparation of the unique study now being completed covering the industrial inventory of the Roseburg, Myrtle Creek and Riddle areas.  
Dr. Proctor didn't have the answers, but he promptly started inquiries. From Dr. C. E. Libby, professor of pulp and paper manufacture, College of Forestry, State University of New York, he has obtained some interesting facts. Included is a report on mill investment and construction costs prepared by a senior student as a required project in one of his courses. The report covers a vast amount of technical research into costs of mills and factories engaged in various types of paper and pulp production.

### Paper Mills Expensive

The report shows that the paper industry, ranking sixth in the United States, "has one of the highest investment rates of all industries."  
The Kraft process is one of the cheapest in construction and investment cost. The Kraft process is the most suitable for this area, as it utilizes Douglas fir. Kraft paper and Kraft board are used chiefly for containers, corrugated cardboard, coarse wrapping paper, sheathing paper, etc.  
Chemical pulping processes are used to produce Kraft paper.  
Some areas, particularly in the East and South, are building ground wood mills. Instead of reducing wood to pulp through use of chemicals, the wood goes through large mechanical grinders. This process, however, though cheaper than chemical pulping, is not well suited for utilization of wood and mill waste in this area.  
Available information indicates costs ranging from \$5 to \$12 million for a Kraft mill, depending on capacity. A mill producing 200 tons daily is the minimum recommended for economical operation.

### Operation Costs High

While ground wood mills of 50-ton capacity have shown profits in New York state, Kraft mills should not be considered on a basis of less than 200 tons, because of "recovery" cost. In the Kraft mill chemicals used to produce pulp are recovered from effluent. Equipment to recover chemicals is expensive. The Kraft mill, or sulphate process, however, has the great advantage locally in that the effluent does not pollute waterways, whereas the sulphite process, used by mills making white paper, is very detrimental to streams and fish life.  
Physical factors also are involved. A paper mill, either sulphate or sulphite process, requires a large volume of fresh, soft water. It must have handy transportation facilities. Here in Douglas county we can meet these requirements in exceptional manner. In addition we have a large abundance of raw material now being wasted.  
It is quite evident, however, why we do not have paper mills now operating in the county.  
The high cost is such that only very large concerns can provide the capital. Furthermore, our federal tax structure discourages investment of risk capital of such magnitude.  
Sulphite mills are out of the picture until some arrangement is made to eliminate the pollution factor. Strong resistance would be met if an industry, desirable though it might be, proposed to pollute our streams.  
While we have sites, water, materials and transportation in excellent combination for Kraft paper production, we also have an unfavorable rail rate structure and rail monopoly to discourage prospective investors.  
If the defense effort gets into high gear, it is possible that assistance will be given in financing production of Kraft paper—a vital defense material. In that case, the obvious advantages of sites in this area might overcome the minor handicap of transportation costs, or even force revision of the rate structure.

## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

Better late than never. Acting on that adage, I have just now finished acknowledging the last of the Christmas greetings. I took them just as they happened to lay in the basket. So if any reader-friend remains un-thanked, or if any letter-writer (to date) remains unacknowledged, please believe it an oversight, not my intention.  
My desk piles up with so many things! A letter can slip in and get lost, as I well know when a missing letter or paper remains elusive after a hunt. EJ whose idea of a desk is a flat surface unutilized by anything except its glass top, a light, and a telephone, takes a dim view of what he sees here at home on my desk! To one whose work is with books, the ledger kind and such, and cost accounting, the amazing conglomeration of odds and ends I collect is incomprehensible. Clutter!  
Writing a column takes a good deal of letter-writing of one kind or another. Then, too, material of all kinds comes flooding in without a request, once one's name is on a mailing list here or there. One must glean scraps from the pile. One must also bake pies, wash and iron, and dust, but fortunately none of that interferes with mulling over what to write for The Mending Basket. In fact, it often helps. As one works around the house, one thinks of reader-friends, many as yet unseen, and letters from them.  
One reader had worked all summer with a garden, thriftily frozen all she could for winter, added meat, too. Then while she was away "doing a good deed," one of the children turned off the switch. "All I could do was take the stuff out and bury it." She is a widow with several children, managing with so little. How warmly she wrote of her friends and neighbors who have helped her: "I didn't know how I could have kept on without them. The past year has been so hard."  
Many letters. Remembering them one is inspired anew by the courage and faith and stamina of the writers. Humor is not missing. And how each one of us, nowadays, needs to lessen tension by a good laugh!  
**ICE BREAKS; 16 DRAWN**  
WARSAW, Poland (AP)—The ice on a lake near Bydgoszcz (Bromberg) collapsed beneath the weight of three horses—drawn sleighs and 16 persons in a wedding party drowned. The bride and groom were among those who perished.

## You Said It, Sam!



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON — AP — The State department has complete authority to bar alien Communists from entering the United States as representatives of the United Nations.  
The Central Intelligence agency, highest security organization in the government, as related herein before, informed the U.S. Senate that 29 UN officials are high-ranking Communist party officials, all of whom are engaged in espionage in this country.  
In each instance the State department declined to bar the Reds. Officials have admitted that the department has a policy of permitting Communist agents to enter the U.S. for jobs at United Nations headquarters.  
The 29 are already here, helping formulate UN policies relating to Korea and other areas where American fighting men are stationed.  
Additional Soviet, trained, Communist party aids are allowed entry into the U.S. every month by the State department.  
Herve J. L'Heureux, chief of the visa division of the Department of State, and Senator Homer Ferguson, (R., Mich.), were discussing the State department policy of permitting Communists known as espionage agents to enter the U.S. and the following conversation ensued:  
L'Heureux: "I would say an average of about eight a month."  
Ferguson: "Out of those 8 or 10 a month, you have never turned one down, is that right?"  
L'Heureux: "That is true."  
Dean Rusk, assistant secretary of state, and Louis Henkin, in the office of United Nations affairs in the State department, pull the switches on the policy of admitting Communists, according to the testimony heard by the Senate. The State department has a security division, which confers daily with the Central Intelligence agency. Agents have access to reports on foreign Communists seeking entry into the U.S. They were aware of the 29 high Communist party officials now employed by the UN.  
In several instances the CIA has protested vigorously over allowing the Communists across our borders. In each instance the State department overruled the CIA. In several cases the disputes were taken to the secretary of state Dean Acheson, for final action. Senator Ferguson along with other senators investigating Communist activities among alien groups in the U.S. was so disturbed over the State department action that he pressed for an explanation. He got one. L'Heureux said:  
"The responsible officials of the department have to consider the different stages of negotiations and different matters pending with that country, and reciprocity, exchange of personnel and so forth. So that, while I, as an individual, or as the chief of the visa division, who is charged with the administration of the law, or as just a plain, good American citizen, should say, 'this person should not come in, when you tie that a verse information in with the conduct of foreign relations there may be another decision made.'"  
There has never been anything but "another decision made" by the State department in regard to letting Communists trot around the U.S.  
Note that L'Heureux also drags

## Washington Chat

It always takes three or four weeks for a new Congress to get organized and ready for business. Indications are now that this new 82nd Congress will get committee assignments made and legislative work started just a little speedier than usual. As a matter of fact, the house armed services committee is already in action. It has reported a bill authorizing a naval expansion program at a cost of \$2,000,000,000 (billions, that is). This program calls for the conversion of 201 ships to strictly modern standards and the construction of 173 new navy ships. The biggest item in the Naval expansion program is \$253 millions for a super air-craft carrier which will take probably three years to build. Congress previously authorized the construction of such a giant carrier which was started in 1949. Several millions were spent on it, and thrown away, when construction was canceled by the then secretary of defense, Louis Johnson. Now the ship will be smaller, but will cost about sixty millions more.  
Incidentally, the armed services committee of the House is headed by Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia, who is beginning his 20th term of continuous membership in the House of Representatives. Twenty terms is forty years.  
New political definition of the word "polity": "If we make a mistake, or about to make one, don't say anything about it."  
Nobody here knows or can really make an intelligent guess as to what the future holds in store for us. Many of us are depressed because our course in international affairs is still being laid out by the same people who insisted upon making the blunders that have brought us to the brink of disaster. But we cannot go back and undo things which have been done. We simply face the grim reality that we must arm and get ready for what may happen.  
The National Production Authority (NPA), present counterpart of the War Production board of World War II, is getting organized rapidly. In fact, it is already in action.  
Production of needed military requirements is being speeded by plant expansion loans as provided for under Section 302 of the Defense Production Act, which was passed last fall. Procedure for obtaining such loans is entirely different than in WPB days. Small manufacturers, who can produce something needed for the Department of Defense, should acquaint themselves with the details. The set-up looks to me like a field day for the "five percenters"—people who offer to take care of such things for a fee of five percent or more.

## Feet Blown Off, GI Saves Tanks; Gets Award

TOKYO — (AP) — An Arkansas corporal who crawled down a Korean road after his feet were blown off and saved a column of tanks has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.  
The award went to Cpl. William C. Earnest, of Route 2, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
The extraordinary heroism was displayed near Suwon, 17 miles south of Seoul, last Sept. 20 when United Nations forces were on the offensive.  
When medical aid arrived, Earnest refused to be evacuated until other wounded members of his tank crew were treated.  
nothing. Eugene is \$2,157,349 better off than if it had depended on its own local resources. Klamath Falls is ditto in the round sum of \$1,053,507; Oregon City is \$1,253,999 better underfoot; Salem already is \$1,212,727 to the good with more to come. These are just the larger examples.

## Cities In Oregon Allotted Millions To Better Streets

Portland is not the only city in Oregon which has benefited very materially through the use of state highway aid federal allocated funds in the construction and maintenance of city streets. The Highway commission, as directed by the legislature, has expended approximately \$35,990,169 of state road-user and allotted federal funds in construction, and maintenance of city streets since its creation in 1917 and the end of 1949. Federal funds were spent for construction only. This total does not include the additional approximate \$12,938,762 of state funds which have been allocated during 1944-1950 inclusive, in proportion to population for use on city streets. The obvious result of these advances, however, has been the financing of city street construction and maintenance to the tune of approximately \$48,928,931 during a 33-year period with a corresponding reduction, in most instances, in tax levies on municipal property.  
Coos Bay and North Bend, so far as street construction is concerned, form just one community. The Highway commission has spent \$1,982,671 in the construction and maintenance of North Bend streets, and \$618,956 for the same purpose in Coos Bay. In this joint endeavor, Coos Bay streets got \$375,155 of State and \$243,801 of federal funds. North Bend's improvement cost \$1,391,277 of state and \$591,394 of federal funds. As a result the community taxpayers benefited to the tune of approximately \$2,601,827 to which must be added the \$219,430 received under the 10 percent allotments during 1944-50.  
Proportionately the same story runs all through the municipal alphabet. Ashland taxpayers have benefited under the two plans to the approximate sum of \$413,653; Astoria, \$942,422; and Canby, \$283,595.  
Bend has around \$632,697 of streets and street money which cost the local property taxpayers

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
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door and the back door AT THE SAME TIME if you can avoid it. If we HAVE to get into Europe in a big way (in order to save Western Europe's resources for OUR use instead of the Russian use) we wouldn't want to be involved in a big land war, in Korea and China.  
Meanwhile—  
Keep your eye on our "walled fortress" project that seems to be taking shape at the lower tip of the Korean peninsula. Field reports from the front lines say the losses suffered by our counter-attacking forces have been held to the barest minimum and at the same time we have been inflicting heavy casualties on the Reds by our air attacks.  
The story adds:  
"The bitter cold of the Korean peninsula has been reported taking a heavy toll of ill-clad red troops. Air force planes, including navy carrier-based fighters and bombers, have been wrecking every enemy-held building where the freezing red troops might find sanctuary. Many reds were reported by civilians throwing away their guns and moving unarmed down back roads."  
Keep your fingers crossed. Don't believe everything you read. From the beginning, the situation in Korea has been officially painted BRIGHTER than it has later turned out to be.  
But let's not overlook the possibility that by a Ued use of our air force and our assted artillery we may be able to kill so many Chinamen as to convince old Mao that fighting us won't be duck soup.  
On the home front, we get this from Miami:  
"Hialeah race course opens its 40-day meeting today with prospect of better racing, bigger crowds and MORE BETTING than last year."  
I offer no comment. Make your own. Personally, I doubt if bigger and better race meets, with bigger and better betting, will help us to lick the communists.  
Also on the home front, we're hearing a lot about a three billion dollar appropriation to build new Leases for defense workers.  
Cynical thought:  
The GIs in Korea will continue to be housed in foxholes without heat or modern plumbing.  
Still on the home front, President Truman opens National Thrift week  
**Argentine Fire Razes Part Of Swift & Co. Plant**  
BUENOS AIRES — (AP) — A terrific fire during the night destroyed part of the huge meat packing plant near here owned by Swift and Company of Chicago.  
Sabotage rumors coincided with the arrest of a number of persons for police questioning.  
The packing house was Swift's main Argentine branch and the largest of four foreign-owned meat plants in Argentina. It was the principal supplier of meat for export.  
Unofficial estimates said the damage ran into millions of pesos (quoted on the free market at 7 1/2 cents in U. S.).

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