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JOBS PREFERRED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Referring to our insistence that wood waste be utilized, one of our good friends points out that the profits lie in production of boards, which can be manufactured cheaply and sold at a substantial profit. Secondary manufacture, has a lower profit margin. Our friend believes we should be taking advantage of existing conditions to cut as many boards as possible and thus realize maximum profits-and to heck with the waste.

We desire to make one thing clear in the minds of our

readers. We are not interested in profits, except as profits are necessary to efficient operation and creation of jobs. We are interested in JOBS, not PROFITS.

Profits contribute very little to the general economy of a community. This fact is evident to anyone familiar with a "company town." In a community where a large company has a monopoly over industry and business, the company may be making huge profits while the general population may have very poor living standards.

On the other hand, a community with a varied indus-

trial pattern—lots of jobs in several forms of industry—is a prosperous community. Competition for labor keeps wages and working conditions on the favorable side,

Lumber Most Profitable

No one can question the fact that highest profits in the timber industry today are found in production of lumber. Little labor is involved, comparatively, in cutting rough, green boards. Boards bring a high price on the market. Here is an operation in which the proportion of cost to profit shows the most favorable balance. Each step in secondary manufacture has higher production cost and lower proportionate profits. Thus it behooves an operator to cut every possible board from a log.

Many of our operators find, under our existing tax structure, that they work a large part of the year for Uncle Sam. Tax confiscation of profits leaves no inducement for operators in high surtax brackets to put money into secondary manufacture where profits are less proportionate to investment costs. With no incentive to channel waste products into secondary manufacture, the industry continues the practice of lavish waste.

This condition is not confined exclusively to the timber industry. It is to be found in any industry based upon

use of natural resources. The steel industry, for instance, is bemoaning the depletion of the Mesabi range from which comes most of our domestic iron ore. Masabi ore is easily mined and can be economically processed. Here in Oregon we have large deposits of iron ore. Our Oregon ores, however, are more costly to mine, more costly to process. Consequently, in-dustry takes materials from which the highest percentage of profits may be realized.

Experts talk about the depletion of our oil deposits. Yet we have large oil shale reserves. But it costs more money to extract oil from shale than to take it from free-flowing wells. We will not start producing oil from shale while cheaper production methods are possible.

Community Interested In Jobs

We find a slight difference, however, in the timber industry. Where the steel and oil industries are depleting a resource, they have untapped reserves to which they can turn. More expensive production will not be a major factor if, and when, all companies must resort to newer processes simultaneously. Competition will continue.

In the lumber industry, however, while taking the cream off the crop, as does any industry utilizing a na-

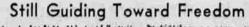
tural resource, we are wasting a large volume of material. Most of this wasted material could be converted into jobs. The welfare of the community rests upon jobs-upon the employment of its people—rather than upon profits made by any company or individual. Here in Douglas county, for instance, we could be employing from three to four times as many people, without cutting one more tree than at present, if we had facilities for utilizing materials now be-



Recently I opened a tightly rolled newspaper without noticing the wrapper, which I threw in the fire. The Bulawayo Chronicle Where in the world was Bulawayo' Looked like an English paper but it wasn't, I could use the gazeteer, but it was fin to read the paper to find out. English money in the advertisments which, of course, began right on front page. A picture of the Chosen oil refinery, or what was the oil refinery, or what was the oil refinery before "American news took up almost half of front page. And a dispatch from New Zealand — good news, for N.Z. on newsprint appen on hard currency newsprint" — all in the future, Publishers all over the world seem to having their troubles over newsprint in Scotland a Bulawayoan saw both a "blue sun and a blue moon."

I due, the scientists said, to giant forest fires in North America smoke yeiling the sky, apparently, iditering through."

Hal Here we are. "City of Bulawayo' Bulaway





Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON pyright, 1951, King Features Syndicate, Inc.

WASHINGTON -The grave charges that the Department of Defense has been dishonest in its pleas for drafting 18-year-olds has reversed a feeling of urgency in Congress that the youngsters have to be yanked into ser-

toss him a face-saving function or two, however, which will add to the confusion in Washington.

NO INTERCEPTION-Lt. Arnold

Galiffa (above), West Point's All-America quarterback in 1949, made a 75-yard pass with

a hand grenade in Korea to help wipe out a group of attacking Reds. Fellow officers who saw

the feat said it was twice as far

vice now. Just what purpose Defense department officials had in presenting phony figures to Congress is the subject of lively discussion in the House Armed Services committee at the moment. The lack of coordination that exists beween the Pentagon and Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, in airing manpower needs to Congress, has irked legislators no end.

Mr. Truman politically, and he also has plans for running for Governor of Massachusetts. He wants to build up a backlog of prestige as manpower czar in mobilization affairs for the political race. With Wilson, Clay and Steelman opposed to him he isn't conceded much of a chance. The White House will loss him a face-saving function or two however, which will add to

egislators no end. Hershey's views command considerably more respect from con-gressional committees at the mo-ment. He has offered the Congress reliable estimates and has a back-ground of World War II service as draft director.

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With Congress sore at manpower officials at the Pentagon, with civilian manpower plans in an uproar, odds are that Wilson will take a walk to the White House once again and lay down the law. He took his present job on one condition; that he would take orders only from the President. This, of course, includes the Pentagon. If they can't come up with ac-Rep. Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), chairman of the House committee that will have to decide who is going to face draft calls, apparof course, includes the Pentagon.

If they can't come up with accurate figures on how to get the
3,500,000 man military force Mr.
Truman says be mist have, then
Wilson will — over Tobin's, Steelman's or anybody else's politically dead body.

going to face draft calls, apparently is the only committee member sold on the 18-year-old draft. After the Pentagon manpower officials has presented their figures, most other committee membrs fell in line with the opposition.

Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D., Texas), the best informed member of the House of Representatives on draft problems, said the Pentagon failed to make a case on the 18-year-olds. He said Pentagon officials are unable to distribute manpower without wasting it.

out wasting it.

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D., S.C.) is another Armed Services committee member fed up with Pentagor stalling and inaccuracies on

Local

Undergoes Operation — Mrs. Arne Copple of Roseburg under-went a major operation Thursday at Mercy hospital.

Luncheon Announced bers of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sor-ority will meet at a 1 o clock lunch-eon Sunday at the Shalimar room. Visits Parents - Bob Berrie, stu-

dent of the school of journalism, University of Oregon, spent ast weekend in Roseburg visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M., Ber-rie, on East Douglas street.

Home From Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hatfield are back at their home in Roseburg, follow-ing several days in Portland visit-ing their son-in-law and daughter, Attorney and Mrs. William W. Knight, and family. Doing Nicely - Ervin E. Welker hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a fractured leg, which he suffered while employed at the Wilbur Lumber company at Wilbur. He expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Returns From East - Earl Wi Returns From East — Earl Wiley has returned to Roseburg, following a trip to Seneca, Ill., to
take the body of his mother, Mrs.
Raiph Wiley, for burial. The funeral service and interment service
were in charge of the Rev. Mr.
Spellman of Seneca. The Wiley
family formerly resided in Seneca.

Daughter Is Born - A daughter Daughter is Born — A daughter, weighing five pounds 14 ounces, was born Feb. 8 at Bremerton, Wn., to HM-3 and Mrs. R. W. Talley. The Talleys also have a daughter, Shannyn Lynn, who is almost three, Mrs. G. H. Welker of Roseburg, who is a maternal grand-parent of the children, has left for Bremerton to assist with their

THE GOOD EARTH

KHATMANDU, Nepal — (Pi—The cople of this tiny kingdom value heir land so highly that it is sold by the basket.

The Khatmandu city market is The Khalmandu city market is possibly the only one in the world where baskets of earth form a staple commodity. Farmers buy them to spread on land from which they take from three to four crops

A farmer returning home from A farmer returning home from selling his produce at the central market here never returns empty handed. Always his baskets are filled with earth, either brought from the market or scooped from the muddy bed of a river on his route, to be spread on the land which gives him a living.

WHY NOT "7 COME 11?" SPOKANE - (A) - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kalles thought about a name should have something to do with

Sacred Heart hospital said the child was born at 7:07 p.m. on February 7 and weighed 7 pounds,

7 ounces.

Kalles resigned last week as plant superintendent for the Seven-Up bottling plant. as books say a grenade can be thrown with accuracy. IAP

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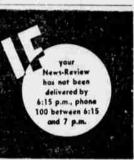
LANSING, Mic. - (A) - Parts highway department apparently Michigan's state government suffered the worst loss. hustled emergency office space to- Two investigations were begun

day after being burned out in the Gov. G. Mennen Williams ordered \$4,000,000 state office building fire. one, the state House of represen The blaze, which raged 24 hours tatives another

in upper floors before being brought under control late yester-day, ruined valuable records. A checkup to determine the full loss was still in progress. The state



ENGINEER INJURED - Joseph Fitzsimmons, engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad's commuter train that was wrecked at Woodbridge, N.J., lies in the Perth Amboy, N.J., general hospital. Fitzsimmons was injured in the crash as the locomotive and five cars plunged off a temporary trestle. The death toll from the wreck stands at 83. (AP Wirephoto)



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