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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 industrial 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. Mesabi 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, industry 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 natural 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 being wasted.

Perhaps profit margin on some of these operations would not be as wide as in production of boards. Yet opportunity does exist for profits. In some fields, such as plywood, paper, etc., the profits possibly would compare favorably with those realized from lumber.

But, from the standpoint of community welfare, our interest lies in creation of more employment through waste utilization. More people working means more payrolls, more service industries, more competition in the labor market, better wages, higher standards of living and improved general economy.

That's why we're interested in JOBS rather than PROFITS.

Scissors from the MENDING BASKET
By Vianett S. Martin

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 gazetteer, but it was fun to read the paper to find out. English money in the advertisements which, of course, began right on front page. A picture of the Chosen oil refinery, or what was the oil refinery before "American bombers dropped 327 tons of bombs, cutting off its 1,300,000 barrels of oil a year. . . . American news took up almost half of front page. And a dispatch from New Zealand—good news for N.Z. on age-print situation. They would produce at home and "save millions of dollars now being spent on hard currency newspaper"—all in the future. Publishers all over the world seem to be having their troubles over newspaper! In Scotland a Bulawayoan saw both a "blue sun and a blue moon. . . . due, the scientists said, to giant forest fires in North America smoke veiling the sky, apparently, filtering through." Hal! Here we are, "City of Bulawayo—Diamond Jubilee of Southern Rhodesia. . . a procession of floats including the Zeederberg coach. . . etc., with a map of the route the long parade would cover Africa! You should see the weekly weather report, especially the rain-fall! I really ought to send them a News-Review. But of course they had a rainy season at a different time and were then wishing for rain. The "Old Girls of Eveline," alumnae, had a dinner. The "old-st girl present had entered the school as a kindergarten pupil on the day it started July 25, 1910." Well, present or absent, who could be "older" than that? "With wool fetching a fabulous price lambswool will soon be a luxury fur. Lambswool is a fashion conceit of the moment." The fash-

Still Guiding Toward Freedom



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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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 service 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 between the Pentagon and Draft Director Lewis R. Hershey, in airing manpower needs to Congress, has irked legislators on end.

Hershey's views command considerably more respect from congressional committees at the moment. He has offered the Congress reliable estimates and has a background of World War II service as draft director.

Rep. Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), chairman of the House committee that will have to decide who is 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 members 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.

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D., S.C.) is another Armed Services committee member fed up with Pentagon stalling and inaccuracies on manpower. He charges outright dishonesty in the presentation of facts for the 18-year-old draft and says he is going to sit tight in opposition to it until Defense department manpower officials come clean.

Coupled with the draft scrap is another major behind-the-scenes battle for non-military manpower control. Maurice Tobin, who has been anything but a ball of fire as secretary of labor, managed to forget administration policies long enough the other day to gum up civilian manpower plans. He said he thought he ought to run the show. Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson had already assigned that task to his right-hand man, Gen. Lucius Clay.

In 1948 Congress put the Department of Labor in the political vacuum where it belongs by stripping it of most of its power. When Tobin was named by President Truman as secretary, a half-baked effort was made to restore department functions and prestige. Tobin, however, showed a marked inclination to abandon the department in favor of politicking, so Truman turned over most of the remaining labor functions to John R. Steelman, White House aide. Betting in Washington is that Clay will put Tobin in his place. This won't be a victory for Steelman however. Steelman goofed up the railway strike negotiations and is now on the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's blacklist. This is usually fatal, politically, for White House aides as well as other bureaucrats.

Tobin, of course, is useful to

ion page shows a box jacket in white with a black skirt, black gloves and a fetching big bow, black, at the neck. Jester's cap in matching white lambswool complete. Jeanne Lanvin's ensemble. Well, Jeanne is very pretty in her outfit.



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 as books say a grenade can be thrown with accuracy. (AP Wirephoto)

Local News

Undergoes Operation — Mrs. Arne Coppel of Roseburg underwent a major operation Thursday at Mercy hospital.

Luncheon Announced — Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority will meet at a 1 o'clock luncheon Sunday at the Shalimar room.

Visits Parents — Bob Berrie, student of the school of Journalism, University of Oregon, spent last weekend in Roseburg visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Berrie, on East Douglas street.

Home From Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Hatfield are back at their home in Roseburg, following several days in Portland visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Attorney and Mrs. William W. Knight, and family.

Doing Nicely — Ervin E. Welker is reported doing nicely at Mercy 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 Wiley has returned to Roseburg, following a trip to Seneca, Ill., to take the body of his mother, Mrs. Ralph 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, 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 grandmother of the children, has left for Bremerton to assist with their care.

THE GOOD EARTH KHATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The people of this tiny kingdom value their land so highly that it is sold by the basket.

The Khatmandu 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 annually.

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 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kalles thought about a name for their new baby and thought it should have something to do with "7-11."

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-Lip bottling plant.

Michigan State Body Seeks Emergency Space

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Part of Michigan's state government hurriedly sought emergency office space today after being burned out in the \$4,000,000 state office building fire. The blaze, which raged 24 hours in upper floors before being brought under control late yesterday, ruined valuable records.

A checkup to determine the full loss was still in progress. The state

highway department apparently suffered the worst loss.

Two investigations were begun. Gov. G. Mennen Williams ordered one, the state House of representatives another.



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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