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## THE \$64 QUESTION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Perhaps you are getting bored with our continuing discussion of how to get access roads into our timber. During our recent "Show Me" trip into the Umpqua forest we were filled so full of the subject by Supervisor Bob Auferheide, Rangers George Churchill and Don Allen, Bill Benecke, in charge of timber sales, and Alton Saunders, engineer, that we must pass on some of their enthusiasm.

We had access roads with breakfast, lunch and dinner. We had briefing sessions at every stop during our three-day trip, and at evening "bull sessions." The only relief was the impromptu, unscheduled discussion by Ken Ford and Russ Briggs concerning the relative merits of various makes and sizes of tractors for use in logging and road building operations.

This subject of access roads can't be overdone. It is extremely important to every man, woman and child in our area, for it controls our economy, present and future.

Our economy is based very largely on the timber industry. Proper management of timber assures a perpetual industry. Improper management means serious cutbacks at some future date. Most of the timber in western Oregon has been improperly managed. Many communities are now adversely affected. The industry in Douglas county still is in its infancy. We are in an exceptional position to place our program on sound principles, proven by experience. The key to proper management is found in access roads.

Public ownership controls 70 percent of our raw material supply. We are cutting four times as much timber from the 30 percent of our privately owned resource as a sustained yield program allows, and are undercutting 32 percent on the public domain. If private and public timber could be brought into cooperative management, a better balance would result and we could perpetuate our industry at near the current level. Without such balance, it will not be too many years until many mills will be shutting down for lack of timber.

### Other Counties Affected

Most lumber centers in western Oregon are in a worse position than Douglas county. In the Portland area, for instance, virtually all privately owned timber lands have been cut over. Large mills have been forced to close. Yet one can stand on the sites of these abandoned mills and look into neighboring mountains where 100 million board feet of virgin timber could be harvested annually on a perpetual basis. The timber cannot now be harvested because no roads are built into it. Lane and Linn counties have critically reduced their stands of privately owned timber, but the public domain is not yielding its allowable cut. We are fast approaching that condition in Douglas county.

The House of Representatives lopped more than \$1,000,000 off forest highway funds proposed in the appropriations bill. The cut was made despite vigorous protests from western congressmen. The Senate appropriations committee, of which Senator Guy Cordon from Roseburg is a member, has voted to restore the money. The committee's recommendation still must be adopted by both houses of Congress. Even then the access road appropriation for the entire Pacific Northwest is less than enough to do the work immediately needed on the North Umpqua district of the Umpqua forest alone. We could use all of the money allotted for the Northwest right here in the Roseburg area, and still wouldn't have enough to do all the work so critically needed. It would help though.

### Project Self-Liquidating

The access road problem could be solved easily if Congress could be brought to a realization that the public domain should be handled on a business basis instead of on "pork barrel" policies.

Congress is extremely jealous of its control over public purse strings. We can't disagree with that program, except when Congress fails in its trusteeship.

The access road program is purely a business proposition. It is essential to proper management of the timber resource on public lands. When access roads are constructed the stumpage value of timber, sold on competitive bids, immediately increases in proportion to accessibility. Investment in access roads would be amortized within a very few years through increased stumpage values, plus returns from additional timber which thereby could be harvested. The roads, however, would be used in perpetuity and, therefore, would return many times their cost.

In some manner we must get this concept before Congress. Just how it is to be accomplished is the \$64 question. Until eastern congressmen, who have no realization of the magnitude of our forests and our forest industry, are made to see that businesslike handling of the resource is demanded, we have little chance of freeing the access roads issue from the pork barrel classification.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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President is merely doing his job when he says:

"We cannot ignore the danger of military outbreaks in other parts of the world. The greatest threat to world peace, the tremendous armed power of the Soviet Union, will still remain, even if the Korean fighting stops. We must continue, therefore, to build up our military forces at a rapid rate."

Those are things we mustn't forget.

I find I can't, however, go along with administration concern over WANING PUBLIC INTEREST in national defense. If the shooting war in Korea stops, as one of this "public," I'm much concerned over what OUR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, including both the administration and members of congress, will do.

If they'll give us sound, wise leadership, I think they'll find that we will do OUR part.

The President, in his speech, went on:

"We have the hard task of increasing production and controlling inflation in order to support the strong armed forces we must have for years to come."

Quite true.

But how shall we go about it? I'd say that the best way to go about it would be for our government to cut off EVERY POSSIBLE DOLLAR of non-defense spending, so that the cost of arming ourselves to fight a war of survival, if that is what we have to do eventually, can be met by taxation so that we will not be forced deeper into debt.

A program such as that would fix inflation's clock. I doubt if anything else will. Making speeches about inflation and its horrors certainly won't turn the trick. Licking inflation takes DEEDS, not words.

## God Is Not A Comrade



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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**WASHINGTON —** "Men who have made the oil business a life work and who have amassed fortunes, some running into the millions, have put the stamp of approval upon the properties and success of the Morgan Oil and Refining company by investing their money and becoming actively identified with the management of this company."

On April 1, 1917, the above paragraph appeared in a large advertisement in the Kansas City Star. President Truman was one-third owner and treasurer of the oil company. It is impossible to find any Morgan Oil and Refining company financial records now, if any ever existed, so I can't tell you accurately how many suckers paid from \$5 to \$25 for the oil stock. The President sold some of the shares to friends he met on the street. When the company evaporated less than a year later, and the President was asked by stockholders about getting a little cash back out of the concern that had tantalized oil millionaires, he replied by stating he had lost money, too.

That was not the case according to his long-time buddy and president of the oil company, J. H. Morgan, of Aurora, Kans. The President made a profit, according to Morgan, but for the life of me I can't figure out how he earned it. There is no evidence that he put any money into the company — only notes, countersigned by his mother. Notes wouldn't buy oil derricks or large newspaper ads, or pay for printing stock certificates.

The truth is that the President got a pocketful of stock certificates for serving as treasurer of the company, along with a commission to sell shares to his acquaintances. The notes were a gimmick. The President bought paper with paper and, as far as I can find out, didn't put in a cent of cash. In return he got paid, but again there are no records around, only the word of President Morgan of the Morgan Oil and Refining company.

"Harry made a profit," Morgan assures me.

In the Kansas City Star advertisement the Truman-Morgan oil empire — so the promoters said — claimed leases on 20,000 acres of land in Kansas, a refining plant at Rollin, Kans.; ownership of 1,300 acres in Oklahoma, plus two drilling rigs, near a 10,000-barrel-a-day "usher," and 10,000 Texas acres. As it turned out, it was mostly gas. Read this, from the same advertisement:

"In the event this country is unfortunately brought to war, the absolute necessity of gasoline and other by-products of crude petroleum are bound to come to such urgent demand that the price will soar beyond all expectation and an investment in the shares of any oil company that has production and large holdings of proven properties such as are held and owned by the Morgan Oil and Refining company, is beyond question an investment of rare opportunity."

It was shortly after war broke out that the Morgan Oil and Refining company folded up. The partners even quit selling stock. By 1918 Mr. Truman and Morgan sold out to J. S. Mullen, of Ardmore, Okla.

There was a war on," Morgan explained. "Harry was in the army." Morgan says the President still writes him letters every few weeks and sends him fancy, autographed beach shirts from Key West when he is writing him. He's likely to be writing him often in the next few days, since this is going to refresh a lot of memories.

If Truman and Morgan sold the

## Pick-Ups

By PAUL JENKINS

Deluxe reserved seats for the fireworks display held the night of the Fourth at the fairgrounds were enjoyed by the throng of people who occupied the bluffs overlooking the river from the east. Parked cars, bumper to bumper, lined the Pacific highway from the south end of Stephens street to Shady Point, and all adjoining open areas were jammed with cars. As near as I could make out, everyone enjoyed everything until it was time to start home, when terrific traffic snarls developed here and there. Some of the spectators at the fairgrounds were delayed nearly two hours.

The amateur rodeo promoted at Yoncalla and staged there July 4th and 5th by the Yoncalla Saddle club succeeded in capturing more of an authentic rodeo atmosphere than any I've seen outside of a bonafide cow country. This, together with the fine new facilities in the way of bleachers, concession booths, arena, stock pens etc., just completed, promises much for the success of future rodeos which may be held there.

Business and professional men who sweater out the hot summer months immaculately clothed as their concept of social tradition demands, may find some mental compensation for the physical discomfort involved. I wouldn't know. But to the most of us who go native in shirtsleeves and slacks or jeans, comfort seems to mean more than anything else.

I had my pulse taken once by a doctor who was in his shirtsleeves, and as far as I know neither of us ever came to any harm because of his not having been socially correct in coat and cravat. From shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves, they say, in three generations. That's something else I wouldn't know about; my branch of the family never has gotten away from its shirtsleeves.

The number of home owners in the United States increased 71 percent from 1940 to 1950. The number of renter-occupied units increased by only 5 percent in the same period.

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## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianhett Martin

When our boys were at home we sometimes found it interesting to check the labels on things to see how far the ingredients of the various parts of the menu had come. Makes for interesting table talk at any age. Just now I was thinking about the way things ricochet around the country, adding to their price, and wondering if the distribution could be perhaps a little more intelligent? I remember a man in California who said he could buy candy from New York cheaper, even if it came round through the canal, than the same grade in Los Angeles. I wouldn't know about that, but I was just looking over labels on our pantry.

Here's oil, yams, and shellfish from New Orleans, and pepper sauce put up in New Iberia, La. Now why couldn't they do that here on the coast? The dried peppers and add the vinegar here, and save expensive handling of glass? Wonder where they bought the bottles? Like as not from Corning, N. Y.

Then here's mustard from England, "distributed in Rochester, N. Y." You can't beat the mustard, we may say, if we like it hot and tangy, and mixed to our own taste. But why can't we make the same grade of powdered mustard here? The California hills are covered with it — though not the way they used to be a hundred years ago when it was taller than a man's head when he was riding his horse! Mustard — it's everywhere, I guess. "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . ."

Why is this English mustard "distributed in Rochester" instead of N. Y. or some other seaport? Certainly I've nothing against Rochester, for I lived there some years and liked it fine. When I pick up my camera sometimes I think of George Eastman and his wonderful home there, and all the millions, which, somehow, failed to give him something he lacked for happiness, and one day he adventured into whatever comes after we finish with this material living.

I'm also reminding of my young friend who "had everything" or so Czechoslovakia Frees Detained Jet Fliers

Bring Cards For Final Entry, Blood Givers Asked

The following is a list of people who have blood donors' cards from previous donations and may bring the cards in the American Red Cross in the armory building to have the last donation recorded on them. The new cards may be obtained here also.

The list includes: Mrs. Leah Crafton, Mrs. Echo Heard, Mrs. Hazel Buel, Mrs. Beth Wimer, Mrs. Frances A. Young, Ruth Addison, Mrs. Beatrice Adams, Mrs. Belle Crenshaw, Mrs. Elsie Broszio, Mrs. Hanna Hansen, Mrs. Olive Elliot, Mrs. Vera Stumbo, Theo Mark, Arthur DeMott, Mrs. Edith Ott, Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Frances M. Walker, Merlin Wills, Keith Carter, Mrs. Dorothy Pocock, Eldon McLaughlin, Norman Wicks, Burrell Routh and Mrs. Ethel Oakly.

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RESOURCES	
Notes Secured by Loans	\$1,853,552.31
Notes Secured by Stock	5,070.90
Sales Contracts	904.03
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	30,400.00
Government Bonds	100,000.00
Home Office Building	24,000.00
Advanced Borrowers	298.55
Interest Receivable	89.28
Cash on Hand and Due From Banks	203,443.97
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$2,217,759.04</b>
LIABILITIES	
Investment Stock	\$2,089,674.04
Building Account Reserve	13,800.00
Contingent Reserve	75,205.02
Surplus	11,839.80
Deferred Profit	1,928.79
Incomplete Loans	23,062.37
Other Reserves	2,249.02
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$2,217,759.04</b>

State of Oregon )  
 County of Douglas )

I, H. O. PARGETER, Secretary of the above Association, do hereby solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. O. PARGETER,  
 Secretary.

ATTEST:  
 S. J. SHOEMAKER,  
 President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July, A.D., 1951.

W. F. HARRIS,  
 Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires November 17, 1952.