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PHENOMENAL GROWTH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Douglas county's current assessed valuation is \$68,197,995, reports Ned Dixon, county assessor. The county's valuation in 1940, before our boom period started, was \$29,505,530. Thus we show a 10-year gain amounting to \$38,692,465. Actually, the gain is still more. In 1940 property was assessed at 64 percent of true cash value, according to State Tax commission. The commission's ratio for Douglas county this year is 55 percent. On a basis of true cash valuation, Douglas county's assessable wealth has increased from, in round figures, \$46,000,000 in 1940 to \$124,000,000 in 1951, an actual gain of \$78,000,000.

During the same period of time, Douglas county advanced in payrolls, covered by the Unemployment Compensation commission, from 19th position among the state's 36 counties, to fourth place.

Population between 1940 and 1950 increased more than 110 percent.

Our boom actually did not start until 1944. Thus we have made our gains in a span of only seven years.

Opportunities For Growth

Some people contend today that Douglas county has reached the peak of its growth. We had people who scoffed in 1940 when predictions were made that we would have a boom.

More optimistic observers believe we haven't yet reached the halfway mark.

We have three major industries in Douglas county. In order of importance they are timber, agriculture and recreation. We have a small mining industry, which should not be overlooked in a study of opportunity. None of the industries mentioned has reached maximum expansion.

Until our timber industry began to develop, given impetus by war demands, we were largely dependent upon agriculture. During the past seven years we have had a complete change in our economy, which now is based chiefly on the timber resource.

Douglas county has the largest remaining stand of commercial timber in the Douglas fir region. Many surrounding timber centers have regressed, due to depletion of available timber supplies. More and more operators are looking to Douglas county for production opportunities.

While we should not lend encouragement to more primary manufacturing plants, other than those designed to utilize cull or waste logs, we have an exceptional opportunity for development of secondary manufacture.

The Economic and Industrial Survey of the Inland Umpqua Basin, recently completed for the Roseburg, Myrtle Creek and Riddle chambers of commerce, shows that of the raw material removed from the forest one-half is wasted. The waste includes bark, slabs and edgings, trims and planer ends, sawdust and shavings. All of this material, now going into burners, could be profitably utilized.

Long Life Assured

It is interesting to observe that even though primary manufacture decreases through depletion of the raw material supply, many communities have found support from secondary manufacture, utilizing the "leavings."

Here in Douglas county we are endeavoring to change history. It has been the general practice to exhaust resources for primary manufacture before secondary manufacture enters the scene. We are striving to make the two go hand in hand; to utilize our wastes as we go.

Strong possibility of reasonably early achievement of this program is found in the changing attitude of the timber industry itself, which is stressing full utilization, better forestry, tree farms, sustained yield and other conservation practices.

Many more man hours are involved in secondary manufacture, than in primary operations, utilizing equal amounts of wood. More men are required, for instance, to cut 1,000 board feet of wood into box material than are needed to turn out planks. If we can channel into profitable utilization the 50 percent of our timber resource we now are sending through burners, we will increase assessed valuations, payrolls and population at a much higher proportionate rate than occurred during the initial boom.

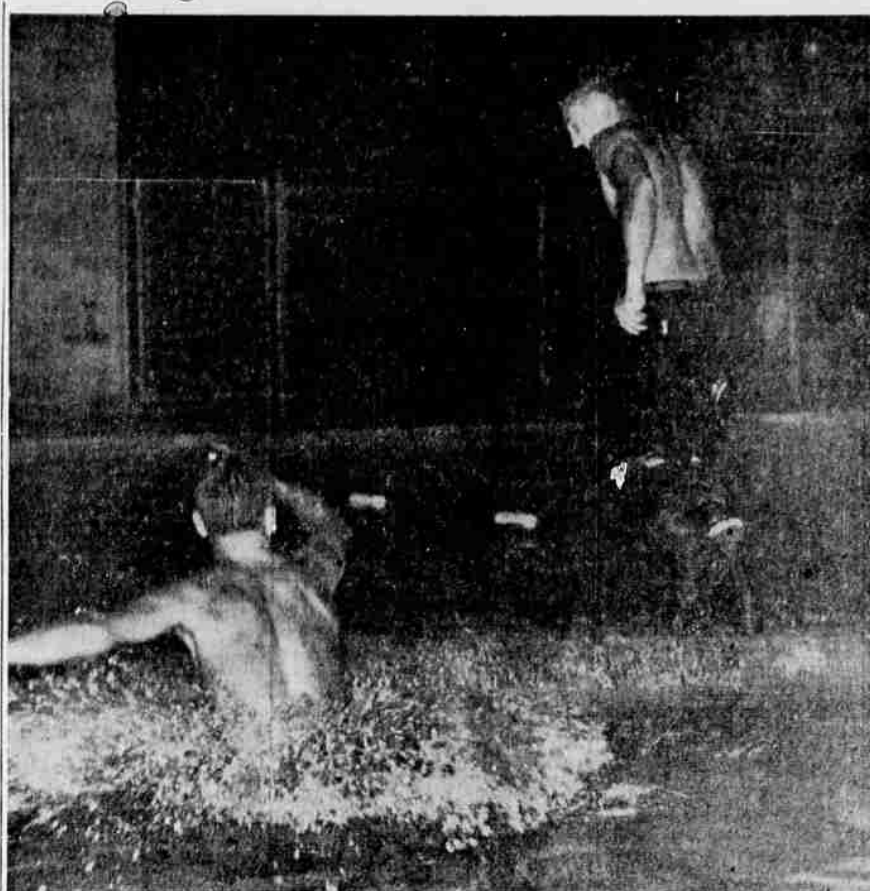
We have ample evidence of interest from secondary manufacture seeking locations. The opportunity existing in Douglas county is certain to attract these desirable industries. Thus we have every reason to anticipate that the curve of our growth will continue to rise.



I was thinking of the Bs a while ago, maybe because I had just remarked how nice it would be if we could just call in an architect and say we'd like some of this and some of that, and never mind the expense!

Well, apparently the Bs could do that. At any rate, they selected a site overlooking the Pacific, and gave so good a plan of what they wanted to the architect that he did not make any changes, merely carried out their specified wishes.

Mr. B wanted the house as solid as the stone cottage he had grown up in in Scotland, but slightly larger. . . . The walls were to be thick enough so that the luxury, acquired in years of travel and stored away, would be in niches and look as if they "belonged to the house." Mrs. B. had many treasures in storage, too. She wanted a big room where they could all be handy to touch and see—a glory hole raised to the nth degree!—so such a room was included. It opened off the stairs that



THE SPINNING LOG, with Gene Culver still riding, means he has just won the Douglas county log-rolling championship. The half submerged gentleman at left is Jim Payne, who took runners-up honors. Both represent the Empire Mill Works. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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LONDON — In the ordinarily accepted meaning of the word "vacation," these last four weeks, during which I have been out of print, have been, in considerable part, a disillusioning hoax.

I'm most appreciative to my distinguished pinch-hitters, who made it possible — J. Edgar Hoover, Adolphe Menjou, Ginger Rogers, Senator Styles Bridges, Oscar Chapman, Senator Harry Byrd and the rest. Let there be no mistake about that.

But this once — great England, which sired our own United States, and for which I have always nurtured a subconscious but positive filial respect and affection, is in a helluva mess, and the spectacle is profoundly depressing.

Worse than that, it is impossible to find any ingredients, in the existing situation or in future prospect, that suggest any possibility of a cure. The only bright spot is that after an even casual perusal of the picture here, our own situation, back in the states — which seemed to be completely calamitous when I left there — appears by comparison as little short of glamorous.

Thus far, our moral deviations fall in the scope of deep-freezes, milk coats and influence peddling on RFC loans. Here, the political stakes are an empire, an entire civilization, a fundamentally great people, and a two thousand-year-old tradition. And nobody involved — not even the political opposition — seems to sense the crisis, or care very much what is in the making.

Briefly, Great Britain is the prisoner of a stupid, incompetent and vindictive corporation of overgrown ward politicians, who came

into power on phony promises, and whose present goal is to stay there for the livelihood which government jobs afford.

When the Socialist-Labor government took control at the close of the war, Britain's problem was the same as that of the rest of Europe: re-establishment of a self-supporting economy, with sufficient additional work to restore the damage, left in the wake of war. The inescapable medicine, therefore, was work and self-discipline and a national production greater than ever before.

In contrast, however, the Attlee government has chosen the opposite direction. To beguile the people into supporting them at the polls, they have concocted a program whereby government purports to give the individual far more than he has ever had before in the most prosperous years of empire history, in return for less work than ever before.

The private enterprise from which the increased production must come is strangled by confiscatory taxation, red tape and regulations, and general demoralization of the working man by assurances that if he can't hold a job in private enterprise, he can

read the first act of Hamlet—especially these lines: "Oh villain, villain, smiling damned villain! My tables—meet it is I set it down."

Personally, I'm pretty sure it may be so in Korea. Jumping from Shakespeare to our own rough-hewn native idiom, I wouldn't trust a Communist (smiling or non-smiling) as far as I can throw a bull by the tail.

As the World Assembly of Youth, which has been meeting back in New York state, breaks up, Edmund Caleb, delegate from British Guiana, says: "The world is our neighbor and we must CURE rather than destroy. . . . Peace is positive; translated in terms of proper dwellings, decent wages and respect for the individual."

True enough, Caleb. But, in our utopian flights, let's not forget that peace is also something that from time to time has to be FOUGHT FOR by sincere men who are willing to die, if they have to, for their convictions.

Peace doesn't just happen. It can't be obtained by passing a law.

I'm intrigued by the Egyptian army officer who won the London Daily Mail's cross-channel swimming the bell. . . . to make a long story short, the Bs leased their home and retired to a very nice apartment in the city. Funny world, isn't it?

The U. S. owns more than a dozen tiny islands in the Caribbean sea.

Local News

Improving — Mrs. Burdette Peterson of Roseburg is improving at her home on East First Avenue North after a major operation at the Community hospital recently.

Leaving For Eugene — Mr. and Mrs. Rand and children, Larry, Joanne and Joyce of Roseburg, are leaving this week for Eugene to visit Mrs. Rand's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Spratten.

To Washington — Henry Flury of Roseburg picked up his wife and children, Bob, Jeff and Susy, in Olympia, Wash., last weekend. The family has been visiting with relatives there.

Return Home — Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Thorn and their two daughters have returned to their home in San Pedro, Calif., after spending several days in Roseburg visiting friends.

Makes Trip To Washington — Mrs. R. G. Baker and Mrs. Jack Fariss Sr., recently went to Olympia, Wash., to bring back Mrs. M. D. Wakeman for a visit in Roseburg.

Former Resident Dies — Word has been received of the death of Stan Lapham June 18 at Chico, Calif. He was a former Ford dealer in Roseburg. Survivors are his widow and two daughters, Donna and Carol.

Return From Eugene — Bob Church, Gordon Gibbs and Lauren Loveland have returned to their homes in Roseburg following a two-day stay in Eugene where they took the entrance examinations to the University of Oregon.

To Canada — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hunsaker of Roseburg left for Canada last weekend where they will vacation for two weeks. They plan to stay at the Vidette fishing lodge and in the Fraser river valley.

To Ashland — Los West, Maurice Doerner, Mickey Coen, Barbara West, Bill Brady and Sandra Sumpter spent Saturday evening in Ashland. They attended one of the Shakespearean plays staged this summer—"Measure for Measure."

It is a morally bankrupt exhibition of commercial politics, peddling the alluring promise to keep the people in the manner to which they would like to become accustomed — and to do so with a minimum of effort on their part. I'll get into more specific details for you, tomorrow. This much, however, you can accept as gospel: here in Britain is the incontrovertible demonstrated truth of all the warnings that have been voiced against Socialist trends at home. The overall achievement of the system here is the progressive disintegration of a great civilization.



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