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FOREST FALLACIES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

College foresters liberally buttered the Oregon press for its educational work in the field of forestry while addressing the timber seminar conducted for newsmen last weekend on the University of Oregon campus. The seminar was presented jointly by the School of Journalism of the University of Oregon and School of Forestry of Oregon State college. Newsmen were present from all sections of Oregon, together with one visitor from Washington.

Seminar leaders had much praise for the work of the press in forestry education, particularly in the field of fire prevention. Cooperation by the press in the Keep Oregon Green program was applauded. But the press, we were informed very gently, is guilty of helping to preserve some popular fallacies which stand in the way of good forest management.

One project the press should undertake, we were informed, is the education of the thousands of new state residents having no experience with forests and who must be taught how to live in forested country.

A half million people have moved into Oregon since 1940, it was pointed out. Many of these people come from states having little commercial forest area. They are unacquainted with fire hazards. They revel in forest recreation, but are not fully aware of the dangers of fire nor of the economic relationship between forests and local communities.

Public Fallacies Stressed

But people long familiar with our forests also have many erroneous ideas concerning timber management, the college foresters say. Some of these ideas, because of popular appeal, are damaging to best economic use of forests.

One example pertained to the belief that forests on watersheds should not be logged. Three-fourths of the nation's forest acreage, it was stated, is essential to watershed protection. Contrary to majority opinion, a virgin forest is less conducive to water control than a growing forest. Tall trees tend to hold much snow and moisture away from the ground, while young trees permit more moisture to reach the soil. Watershed forests should be logged and kept productive, the foresters insist, although cutting should be planned and practiced to protect water supply.

Another fallacy is that of selective logging practice in Douglas fir stands, say the foresters.

Foresters once had the opinion that the best management would be to develop forests of intermingled age stands. Thus the selective logging system was devised whereby ripe, mature trees would be taken, leaving younger trees of all ages to provide a continuous supply. This system, it was stated, will work in some pine forests but seldom can be utilized in Douglas fir stands.

Douglas fir trees demand sunshine. They will not grow well in shade. To produce good lumber they should grow in dense stands. Under such conditions they shed lower limbs early and begin to put on clear wood as they stretch upward.

On a managed forest a first thinning is beneficial about the time the new growth reaches Christmas tree stage. Thus there should be no concern when thousands of trees are taken out during holiday season, providing those trees are properly selected. Their removal will be reflected in more food and moisture for remaining trees.

Thinning Has Great Value

Not only does thinning a Douglas fir stand aid in speeding growth and quality of remaining trees, but after forests begin to reach larger size, the wood removed in the thinning process could add five billion board feet annually to our production if channeled into pulp or other good purposes.

Thus, on Douglas fir stands, foresters now advocate "patch logging," in which areas are clear cut, leaving a surrounding older forest as a seed source. This system normally results in quick reproduction with a dense stand of vigorous trees, it was claimed.

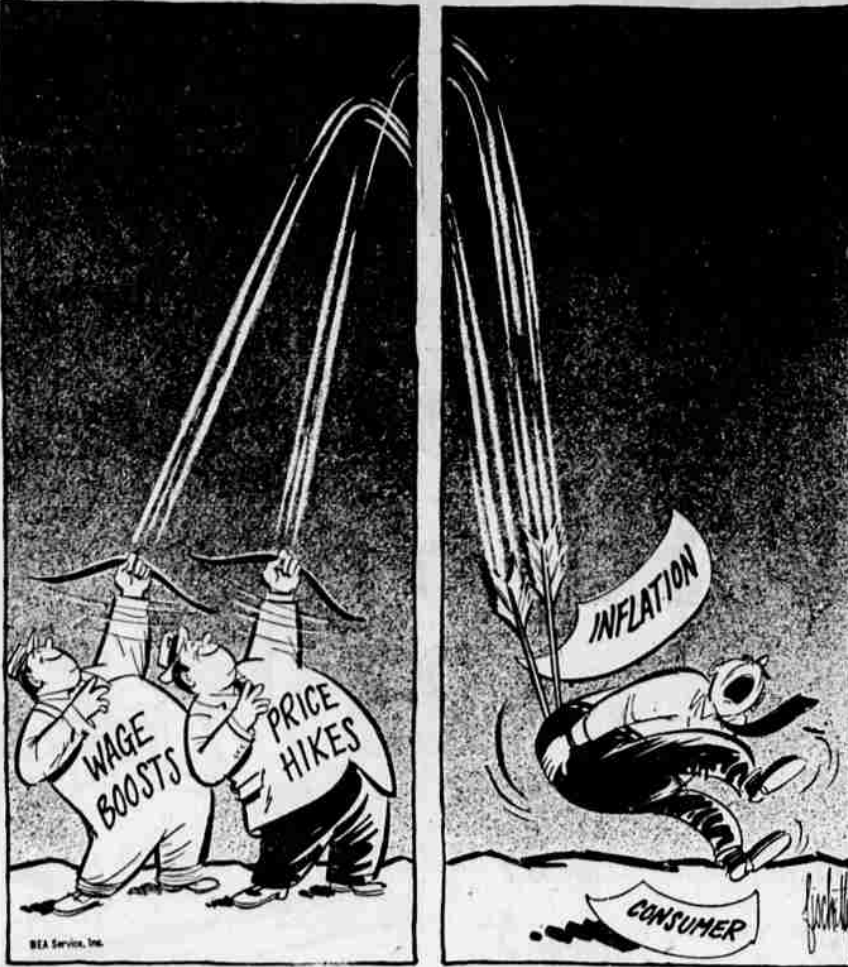
The foresters also had little patience with the "scenery lovers" who object to looking at stumps for a few years while a new forest grows on the land.

Fallacies based on "emotion and sentiment" are obstacles to efficient technical management of forests on national parks, watersheds and in scenic and recreational areas, say the college foresters. They also contend that the emotional approach stands in the way of getting forests into hands of "strong" management whereby sufficient acreage can be controlled to permit better protection and complete utilization.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
 by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Next time you go through Elkton on highway 38, look across the river, just above the Mary Beckley bridge, and visualize "Fort Umpqua" as it was in 1840. I quote "qua" from the pen of Gustavus Hines in "Wild Life in Oregon":
 "This fort, or rather trading post, stands upon the south bank of the Umpqua river, on a little plain comprising about two hundred acres of land, thirty of which are under cultivation. It is forty miles from the Pacific ocean, and advantageously situated for the purpose for which it was established, namely the collection of beaver skins and other furs from the Indians along the coast and in the interior."
 "The fort itself consists of three or four little log huts built on three sides of a square, and covered with cedar bark. These huts are stockaded by poles set into the ground, and rising twelve feet high; and at two opposite corners of the enclosure thus formed there

They Landed, We Knew Not Where



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — State department propagandists are laying the groundwork for the 1952 elections. At the expense of us taxpayers, Secretary of State Acheson's public relations horde is bombarding educators, ministers and other prominent citizens with countless thousands of booklets, pamphlets and reports, all of which relate what a fine job Acheson is doing.

Mixed in with this State department tripe are booklets puffing up the President's brilliance for thinking up the point four program, the North Atlantic military pact and the finer points of a foreign policy that will keep the peace. Korea isn't mentioned.

Mr. Truman is determined to defend his foreign policy before the voters in 1952. All Acheson needed was this cue to start his propaganda presses rolling. Public libraries and assorted private citizens are among the recipients of the deluge.

For instance, without having asked, the Rev. Roland E. Thompson, pastor of St. Patrick's church in Athens, New York, recently got a bundle from Acheson's office, sent postage free under government frank. It contained a letter and four publications. The letter reads:

"The publications enclosed with this letter deals with specific aspects of some of the foreign threats and problems facing this country. They were selected from among recent State department publications as being likely to be of particular interest to you, as one concerned with questions arising from such situations abroad. I should be very glad to have your comments and suggestions on problems and policies they set out."

It was signed by Francis H. Russell, director of the State department office of public affairs. And I know of other persons who have sheaf of documents.

The pamphlets were sent free, although the government printing office has charge of selling such documents in the event anyone is interested enough to buy them. It can be presumed that Acheson is distributing the documents out of funds obtained from Congress to counter Communist propaganda.

Edward Barrett, assistant secretary of state for public affairs, does the same thing with funds appropriated to his Voice of America department. His staff people made 364 speeches and informal talks in 29 states from July 1, 1949, to January 30, 1951, within the borders of the U. S. A., although he is charged with countering Communist propaganda abroad. The State department paid travel costs and other expenses, besides regular salaries.

In the propaganda sent the Rev. Thompson, the President is quoted whenever possible. One pamphlet, reputedly designed as back ground material on mutual security, is

to the party! There is a vivid account of the way the Indians cooked the fresh-caught salmon: They used sticks three feet long, pointed on one end, forked on the other. They filled the large pieces of salmon with splinters to keep it from falling apart, then fastened to the fork of the stick. Then they sat in a circle around the fire, with the pointed end of each stick stuck in the ground, and the salmon pieces making a kind of pyramid over the fire. The sticks were turned to finish cooking salmon. With the fish the Indians ate hazel nuts cracked between stones. "A more jovial set of fellows than these sons of nature I have never seen," says our friend, Hines.

tual threat and problem is within the State department itself. Acheson wants to get his version into the hands of those who lead much of the nation's public thinking. He won't trust an unbiased press so he propagandizes with public funds, without any legal or moral authority to do so.

Hear Fulton Lewis Jr. On KRNR, 4:00 P.M. And 9:15 P.M.

Clothing Club Formed At Scotts Valley School

A 4-H Clothing club was recently organized at the Scotts Valley school. The club will be called 4-H Busy Bees. Mrs. Wilbur Briner will be the local leader, with Mrs. Gladys Fullbright assistant leader. The following officers were elected president, Sally Baxter; vice-president, Sylvia Mundt; secretary, Gall Briner; news reporter, Anita Fullbright, and song leader, Karen Patrick. Other members are Leona and Leota Arzie, Kathryn Howard, Virginia Langdon, Deloris and Victoria Leturno, Fay, Diane and Sylvia Mundt, Wanda Opheim, Kay Turpin, Juanita Johnston, Nancy Grass, Virginia Thrupp, and Claudia Bowman. The meetings will be held the first and third Fridays of the month.

In the Day's News

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 themselves buying guns and still more guns) can come about only when there is a reasonable balance of power in the world, plus some reasonable degree of confidence in the good faith of other nations. Neither exists now.
 Why talk about something you WOULDN'T DARE TO DO even if you agreed to do it?

It seems to me that the most important thing in the world is to stall off all-out war long enough that communism and the free world can get along with each other.

If that can't be done, all that remains is a fight to the death between the two systems. With modern war what it is, there might not be any world to live in after a war of survival.

If we are to reach the point where we can live with communism, we must first get strong enough to HANDLE IT IF IT GETS OUT OF LINE.

That is what statesmen call a balance of power. The balance of power was destroyed in World War II. What we're trying to do now is to RESTORE it.

Scout Honor Court Held In Yoncalla City Hall

A court of honor for the Yoncalla Boy Scout troop was held in the city hall Tuesday evening. More than 30 scouts received awards. Wayne Ohlson, neighborhood commissioner from Drain, put on the candlelight investiture for Tenderfoot, Charles Goodwin. James Stoop, assistant district commissioner from Drain, and a member of the Douglas District council for 1952, Elmer Maples, O. and E. chairman for North Douglas County and Douglas District council member for 1952; Hugh Whipple, member of the Douglas District executive council, all of Drain, were present. Elmer Currier, neighborhood commissioner of Yoncalla was present. Walter Smith, Douglas county field Scout executive, gave a short talk on parent cooperation and the work of troop committees in making a successful troop.

Noble's Melody Ranch Girls

WEST'S GREATEST ALL-GIRLS WESTERN BAND

NOBLE'S MELODY RANCH GIRLS



COMING TO
John's Curve
 ONE NIGHT ONLY
FRIDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 7
 You've read about them in your newspaper, heard them over the radio, now you can see them in person.
Prize for Best Old-Fashioned WALTZ TEAM

Dancing: 9-1
 ADMISSION: Men \$1.50 Ladies \$1.00 (Tax Incl.)

GIFTS

with a useful future for the home

THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY CAN USE AND ENJOY!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

SHEARS \$4.25
 These good shears will last for years. Quality made, thrust priced. 6-inch blades, 8-inches overall length. Fine steel, heavily chrome-plated.

CAN OPENER \$2.98
 Opens cans easier, faster, leaves smooth rim on opened can. Very attractive design. Built to last for years.

ELECTRIC KITCHEN CLOCK \$4.50 PLUS TAX
 This handsome clock comes in white or colored plastic case with chrome trim.

CRYSTAL WARE \$1.85 A STEM
 Crystal stemware and salad plates in an attractive pattern.

ROAST THERMOMETER \$3.00
 Sharply pointed rod to put into roasts, etc. Dial is marked for meat cooking temperatures.

KITCHEN TABLEWARE \$8.95
 24-Piece, long life, stainless steelware. Packed in attractive gift box. Choice of patterns. Red, yellow, or green plastic handles.

KITCHEN SHEARS \$2.35
 Has many uses in the kitchen—for preparing salads, meat, fish, vegetables. Strong and serviceable. 7 3/4 inches long.

BATH SCALES from \$7.45
 Here is an accurate scale with clearly legible numerals. Black linealium top, smooth white enameled sides. Weighs up to 300 pounds.

CLOTHES HAMPERS \$9.95
 A beautifully decorated hamper in peach, blue, green and white. Ventilated bottom. Pearl effect top lid.

ELECTRIC CLOCK \$4.25 PLUS TAX
 This handsome clock comes in either ivory or brown plastic case with luminous dial. Bell alarm.

MEAT BASTER 89c
 Heat resistant pyrex tube, rubber bulb. Bastes meat, roasts fowl. Separates grease from soups, stews.

Table Silverware set \$7.95
 30-Piece, long life, guaranteed silverware. Packed in beautiful cloth lined gift box. Choice of patterns.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS 1.25 up

Umpqua Valley HARDWARE

Housewares Downstairs
 202 North Jackson Dial 3-6628

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GRANTS PASS HIGH

VS.
GRANT HIGH
SAT., DEC. 8--1:15 P.M.

Due to a change in time, the game will be broadcast at 1:15 PM instead of 2:00 PM as previously announced.

FLASH FROM THE NORTH POLE!
 Santa will appear at the Georgia Lee Shop at 11:30 AM instead of 1:30 PM.

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