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## MEN AND FORESTS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

If anyone is looking for an expert truck driver, we can recommend the ability of Bob Aufderheide, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest.

We horned our way in on an inspection trip made Thursday by Bob and Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone into the North Umpqua district. Something broke the hydraulic brake line of our light pickup truck shortly before we reached Steamboat. The brake fluid leaked out, leaving us on a narrow, crooked road, coated with snow and ice, and us with no brakes.

Bob, serving as driver, wheeled the truck a short distance to where a forest service road crew was at work on a bridge, and we exchanged vehicles, making the rest of the trip in a much larger truck, which, without a load, had the spring action of an old lumber wagon, and a tendency to skid at the least provocation.

But Bob pulled into Toketee Village only a few minutes behind our scheduled time of arrival which, of course, corresponded to the lunch hour. Our host, Phil Humphreys, project superintendent, was waiting for us, while the cooks and waiters had saved for us a most generous portion of one of the delicious meals which we can attest, from our most recent and several past experiences, are served at all Copco's camps.

### Forestry Problems Studied

We never cease to be amazed at the versatility and ingenuity of the men who manage our federal forests. They have, however, had years of experience. They are able to construct a building, install a water system, put in electric wiring, handle a pack train of horses, drive any kind of a motorized machine or vehicle, engineer a road, fight a forest fire, draw a map, cook a meal. No matter what emergency may arise, they come up with a solution, quick-like. Those of us who spend the most of our hours riding a cushioned swivel chair at an office desk can have only the utmost admiration for the many talents of the forest ranger and his superiors, the latter having, with few exceptions, served their hitch in the various field capacities of the service.

One of the interesting parts of a trip in company with a couple of experienced foresters is to listen to their tales of experiences. Sooner or later they get around to swapping yarns. To listen is better than reading the most exciting fiction.

But they also do a lot of very serious talking; talks concerning management problems, trends in forestry and the forest industry, protection of watersheds, preservation of recreational and scenic values, multiple use of forest lands, and hundreds of related topics. Anyone can obtain a liberal education in the field of conservation by listening.

### Impression Of Men

It is one thing to form an impression of a man when you meet him in the atmosphere of a stuffy business office. It is another to travel with him for several hours in the surroundings he loves and to which he is devoted.

We had, at first meeting, formed a most favorable impression of the Pacific Region's new forester. We have no reason to revise our impression after a more intimate contact with him.

We believe we are going to find him a strong ally in problems of efficient management of our national forest lands and their resources.

He is new to the area, having been transferred from the deep South only six months ago. Yet we find he already has a keen insight into the area's problem together with advanced and constructive ideas for future development. He will, we predict, be an important influence in encouraging more interest in forest production, particularly getting sub-marginal or unused lands back into growing forests.

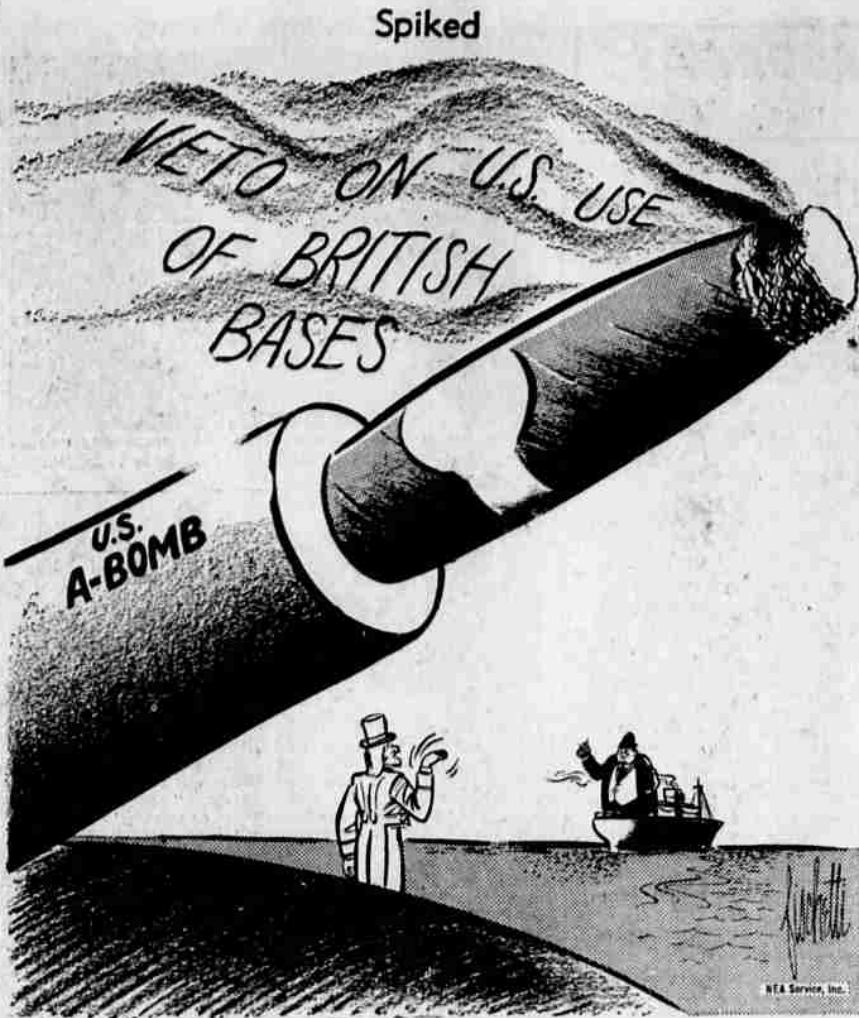
Soft-voiced, easy-going, a "comfortable" type of person to know, he nevertheless conveys the impression of strict efficiency and stern requirement. If we were working under Mr. Stone, we wouldn't want to be caught shirking our job or being lax or careless in performance. He is a pleasing personality. We formed the impression he is most co-operative in his dealings, but we doubt if anyone is going to push him around.

We believe our new regional forester will fit easily and comfortably into the administrative job; that he will quickly have the confidence and friendship of the people of the region, and that he will turn in an exceptionally good job of administration.

In other words, as evident by our comments, we like him very much.

**Scraps From the MENDING BASKET**  
 by Wahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Did you ever see a "fern ball" hanging basket? I remember several of them very well. The "ball" was made of an asparagus fern, as it was called, with the long black stems twisted and intertwined. The green foliage stood out from the center part and made a very pretty effect. Maybe there was earth in the middle; I don't know. The "ball" was a bit flattened in contour on top and bottom, but fairly round. To water, the ball was suspended in water for an hour or so. There was no real basket other than the old stems twisted round and round. Of course the plant would be quite an old one — even in those days it was fairly expensive. I wish I could start one. Why not? It is interesting to know what other states are doing in the way of conservation erosion control and encouragement of wildlife shelter. In Wyoming County (N.Y.) there has been for five years now a soil conservation plan whereby the State Conservation Department, the Wyoming County Soil Conservation District and farmers called "co-operators," work together to establish wildlife shelters and erosion checks. Say the Wyoming County Times: "The state makes machinery and supervisory employees available to the district and the operator hires the labor for the job. Co-operators pay \$9.50 per thousand for tree planting and \$10.50 per thousand for shrub planting. The State Conservation Department pays the balance of the cost from funds made available to it under the Pittman-Robertson Act, more familiarly known as '48 1/2'."



**FORESTER INSPECTS POWER DEVELOPMENT** — J. Herbert Stone, forester for the North Pacific region, embracing Oregon and Washington, is pictured, center above, as F. L. Mercate, powerhouse operator, explains operation of the remote control panels governing the Slide Creek generator from Toketee powerhouse. Phil Humphreys, left, is superintendent of Copco's hydroelectric project in the North Umpqua district. Forester Stone made a brief inspection of the Umpqua National Forest as far as Toketee Thursday.

## LaGrande Man Beset By Yawns

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP)—To Lloyd A. Chandler, 55, the year 1952 is a terrible bore. He has been yawning ever since it arrived. As a matter of fact, he hasn't been able to quit. The yawns started New Year's Day, about one a minute, and then got worse. He was yawning every other second when his physician, Dr. John B. Gregory, sent him to a hospital five days ago. There he went into an oxygen tent, and attendants began treating him with injections. Now he's getting better—back to a yawn a minute.

Chandler, a railroad clerk here for 27 years, said he understood he was suffering from arthritis and lack of oxygen in his blood. He said this tired him out and kept him yawning. Dr. Gregory would not discuss the case, but Chandler said he had been told he would recover.

In addition to the captain, each National Hockey League team has three alternate captains.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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 over, they asked only one question:

"WHEN DO WE EAT?"  
 That is to say, they didn't seem to care whom they worked for. They just wanted to GO ON WORKING and finding out things. Most of our people were amazed at the time at this attitude. But there it was.

It is reasonable to suppose that those taken over by the Russians had the SAME attitude, and it must be presumed that they have been going on working and learning just as those taken over by our side have been.

That prompts a question: In this scared, uncertain, nervous, maybe trigger-happy world, is the Bomb the answer to our yearning for peace and security?

Is complete military preparedness the answer?  
 I doubt it.

I think the answer lies DEEP WITHIN OURSELVES. In our own attitudes. We must be STRONG, of course. A rich weakling is always in trouble. But the first rule for getting along with people is to make people like you. You don't like THEM. Somehow, we must show more sympathy and less suspicion.

And—maybe this is most important—we must learn that we can't BUY FRIENDS. That just isn't done in this world. You don't get friends that way. FRIENDSHIP can't be bought.

as soon as weather permits . . . Early planting will play an important part in giving co-operators a high rate of survival. The area mentioned is in a narrow valley between quite steep hills.

One question: Did the men just watch the cocks while they were fighting, or DID THEY BET ON 'EM?

Me, I wouldn't give two cents to see a cockfight, and I have a low opinion of anyone who enjoys seeing a couple of roosters battle each other to the bloody death as a public show.

But when we go around Robin Hood's barn to find a law to punish people who watch a cockfight WHEN THERE IS NO LAW AGAINST COCKFIGHTING and then look the other way when professionals run slot machines and other gambling devices (as has been done fairly consistently in Oregon over the years) WHEN THERE ARE PLENTY OF LAWS IN OREGON AGAINST GAMBLING—

Well, in that case, I think we're just acting plain silly. Cockfighting, low as it is, can be no more degrading to public morals than winking at gambling when the lawbooks in Oregon are fairly added with anti-gambling laws.

## Pro-Western Agenda Drawn By GOP Group

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A 20-point program "good for the West" and "of benefit to the nation" was adopted by Western Republicans Wednesday and recommended for inclusion in the national GOP platform. The delegates from 11 Western states, Hawaii and Alaska, here for a regional party conference, skirted the public power issue, however, in approving the program tentatively accepted at their Oct. 6 meeting in Seattle.

Yielding to objections from Californians, the delegates deleted a section calling for repeal of a federal law which gives public agencies preference in the purchase of hydro-electric power from government water and power projects.

Opponents said the proposal was contrary to Republican policy originated in Theodore Roosevelt's time.

Recommendations Listed  
 Recommendations approved included:

Federal return of all claim to tidelands to the states.

Immediate statehood for Hawaii and statehood for Alaska under legislation providing for Alaskan control of Alaska's resources. (The word "immediate" was used only in connection with Hawaii.)

Continuance of present federal laws on mining plus, a publicly owned lands.

Advocacy of a "full and orderly program" for the development and conservation of Western water resources.

Opposition to the valley authority method of river basin development as promoted by the administration in the Columbia and Missouri Valleys.

Protection of American fisheries whether by domestic regulation or treaties, including safeguards against competition from areas with sub-standard wages.

Opposition to attempts of the United Nations to exercise jurisdiction over American fisheries.

On Job 50 Years But Ineligible For Pension

ELGIN, Ill. (AP)—Billy Morgan has completed 50 years on the job at the Elgin National Watch Co., but he isn't eligible to retire on pension.

Morgan won't reach the retirement age of 65 until July 21. His starting salary at the company in 1902 was 50 cents for a nine-hour day.



**NOMINATED** — William H. Draper, Jr., (above) New York banker and chairman of the Long Island Transit Authority, has been nominated by President Truman to be roving ambassador in Europe under the Mutual Security Act. (AP Wirephoto)

## Funeral At Trail Set For Eight Coos Fire Dead

COOS BAY (AP)—Thomas Weeks, whose eight children died when fire destroyed their home nine miles north of here, was released from a hospital here Thursday.

Weeks, treated for face and head burns, said mass funeral services for the eight would be held at Trail, a former home 25 miles north of Medford. The day has not yet been set.

Doiores, 14, the only surviving child of the family, was taken Thursday to Doernbecher hospital in Portland for treatment of back, face, hand and arm burns. Her mother, burned on the face and arms in Wednesday's early morning blaze, remained in a hospital here.

The Booster Club of Sunny Hill, a community near the Weeks home, collected \$400 Wednesday night and turned the money over to Weeks. Four of the Weeks children attended the Sunny Hill school.

## Kentucky Raid Of FBI Garners Gaming Devices

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The FBI launched a surprise statewide roundup of costly gambling machines in Kentucky Friday.

By early afternoon, 2,588 devices valued at about \$500,000 had been seized and nearly a score of warrants issued.

The drive started in key cities and fanned out into smaller communities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here reported.

Warrants were issued for nearly a score of persons, the FBI said.

An FBI agent reported 92 per cent of the machines seized were the kind known as "one-arm bandits." He said the others included payoff mechanisms.

In Washington, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described the Kentucky roundup as a continuing drive on violations of the federal law against interstate transportation of gambling devices.

He described those arrested as dealers in gambling machines, illegal under Kentucky law as well as under the federal statute.

FBI agents and local officers, traveling with vans, he said, made rapid seizures in private and public clubs, cafes, and various places of amusement.

## Orchard Worker Sues Over Spray Inhalation

WENTACHEE (AP)—A Wenatchee orchard worker has filed a \$75,000 suit against a local apple grower charging he was injured permanently by sprays inhaled while working on the fruit ranch.

The case, filed by Wayne Harp against Grower Leo Antles, is the first of its kind to come up in Chelan County Superior Court.

In his complaint, Harp alleged a dust spray used in the orchard caused a long and throat irritation and a malignant growth in his lungs.

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## FORUM LUNCHEON

Monday Noon January 21  
**HOTEL UMPQUA**  
 "What To Do In Fifty-Two"  
 Will Be Discussed  
 with Chas. V. Stanton, Editor of the News-Review, Leading An Appraisal of Our Community Needs

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