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## FARM POTENTIAL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The excellent summary of the Douglas County agricultural industry, presented before the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce by County Agent J. Roland Parker, points up some of the unique factors of that industry.

We have an exceedingly low rate of income per farm and per farmer. In fact, we are considerably below the state average in per farm income. This is because we have a very large number of part-time farmers — men who engage in farming as a sideline, rather than as primary vocation, obtaining the major part of their income from mill, woods or other types of work. Their total annual income may be high, but, because only part of it is derived from agriculture, the record shows our average farm income to be low.

Hundreds of our farms are operated on that part-time basis. The current five-day week in industry, with frequent lay-offs during the summer, because of high humidity, is conducive to this type of agricultural activity. But as an agricultural practice it is not conducive to the best land management nor the best rate of income. Operations must be planned to meet the limited time the owner may apply to his land and his crops.

We have many farms, given full-time and intensive operation, yielding returns fully comparable to the best in the state, which proves that we have a great agricultural potential so far undeveloped.

### Woodlots Offer Opportunity

Part-time farming integrates so well with our industrial set-up that it will be many years before we change to any appreciable extent from existing practices. Opportunity exists, however, to coordinate our agriculture even more closely with the timber industry. That opportunity is to be found in development of the farm woodlot.

For years our agricultural land owners have been burning trees to create pasture. Now, as the county agent points out, we are not fully utilizing those pastures. Much of the land cleared has proven virtually useless for grazing purposes and has grown up to weeds and brush. We have thousands upon thousands of submarginal acres more suitable for growing trees than for any other purpose.

Within a few years the pulp industry will be a vital part of our timber activities. The evidence is plain as we study conditions in the South and in our neighboring state of Washington. Washington has a very limited saw timber industry, but has a rapidly growing pulp industry which has boosted income from forest products to a higher level than ever before.

It will be only a few years until that industry enters the rich Douglas County field.

The average farm woodlot will provide an annual return of from \$20 to \$40 per acre from thinnings, prunings and selective cuttings alone, while still storing wood on remaining trees for later removal as saw timber. Thus acres which now are virtually worthless can be made to produce a fairly high rate of return if used for growing trees.

In the South and in Washington cooperative units are being set up between pulp mills and farm woodlot owners. The returns have been excellent. We will soon have similar opportunities and should be preparing for that time. The wise farmer, who desires a return from nonproductive acres and who desires to leave assured old-age security for his children and grandchildren, should be getting submarginal acreage into wood production.

### Food Processing Needed

The county agent spoke of the need for food processing plants. This is a crying need in our agricultural economy. It will be obtained and successfully maintained, we believe, only if undertaken cooperatively. We realize that our opinion is open to disagreement.

We have, however, had several cannery operations in past years. Some were successful for a time. The cannery business has its ups and downs. It usually is packing foods for future sale. When a break occurs in the market, the cannery already has paid for the food purchased from farmers and has borne the cost of processing. When it is then compelled to sell its product at a loss, it is in critical straits unless producers are willing to share such losses. A cooperative cannery can build up reserves to handle such situations and can divide its profits and losses between members. A private enterprise finds this procedure more difficult.

A food processing plant also must handle a wide variety of products to maintain a long season if it is to be successful. A one-crop plant is not practical.

We could easily support a plant processing berries, fruits, vegetables, tomato products, poultry meats, etc., on a year-around operation. It can only be done, we believe, if cooperatively owned, managed and supported.

Almost unlimited possibilities exist for development in the field of agriculture in Douglas County. We have only scratched the potential possibilities. We can expect much expansion and a higher plane of income in the years ahead.



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"I fear my notions on family relations might sound smug and self-righteous," says a note post-marked Nov 21 which I just came across, "but I really believe the one infallible rule is the Golden Rule. . . . The writer and her daughter-in-law share the kitchen by changing off each week, so that each cook is at perfect liberty to do whatever she likes, and to do her own shopping. It gives each one a pleasant variety in many ways. I am lessed by a very thoughtful understanding daughter-in-law for which I am most grateful." the writer concludes. Just one more little item about the in-law suggestions, several of which have been shared in this column. In thinking back over the years it surprises me, somehow, to remember how often it was the young wife's own mother who made things a bit difficult for her daughter. I recall any number of instances. Wouldn't it be simpler just to adhere to the Golden Rule? After all, why should a young wife keep house exactly as her mother did? Why should her ideas about children and shopping and all the

## A Grave Responsibility



other items in her daily routine conform to another woman's notions?

"I don't feel it is my house. . . " said a daughter to me, one time. "When my mother — much as I love her — is with me because she thinks I should do everything the way she has always done! . . . I remember another who exclaimed: "I feel my mother thinks of me as a doll and my house as her dolls house. . . I feel so pushed around when she comes to help me! She just can't seem to let go of me in her thinking. She can't see me as an individual — like a neighbor. She wouldn't think of telling a girl next door what to do in her own home!"

Of course there are mothers who can't let go of their sons; too. But the Golden Rule can help there, too. We can ask ourselves: "Would I like it?"

### Tighten Price Curbs, DiSalle Tells Congress

By WILLIAM O. VARN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Price Director Michael V. DiSalle told Congress Monday price curbs must be tightened to protect the nation against runaway inflation. . . . But at the same time he announced he is setting up a top-level committee to hunt for places where decontrol may be possible. The key thing, DiSalle said, is control of the costs of farmers. "Unless we are successful in controlling farmers' costs, he said, "food prices could easily rise significantly during the next year — and food prices are key items in maintaining the well-being and morale of our workers."

DiSalle, director of the Office of Price Stabilization, testified before a Senate-House Committee studying President Truman's economic report.

#### Major Phases Cited

- He stressed these points: (1) "Very large price increases for fresh vegetables 'have helped push the cost of food to an all-time high."
- "These startling advances," he said, "have occurred in prices of some foods on which we have so far been legally unable to put ceilings."
- Farmers' costs have been going up steadily—particularly for feed grains and labor.
- (3) Wages will go up unless food prices are held in check. DiSalle pointed out that "some three million workers have their wages formally tied to the consumers' price index."
- (4) There is much pressure for decontrol. He said he is "convinced that we should not properly take the risk of any major decontrol. I cannot stress strongly enough the dangers of premature decontrol."

### Rep. Mack Doesn't Get Behind Iron Curtain

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A flying congressman who thought to stir up a "Grass Roots Movement for Peace" returned Sunday to his state Capital after a 33,000-mile solo flight around the world. Rep. Mack Jr. (D-Ill.) told Gov. Adlai Stevenson and a cheering throng of 10,000 which greeted him at the airport that his trip "was a success in every country that I visited. . . . But he didn't get behind the Iron Curtain. Russia and her satellites refused to give him clearance for inclusion in the global goodwill tour that began here last Oct. 7."

### Legion Auxiliary Dates At State Meeting Set

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's American Legion convention—which will open at Klamath Falls July 28—will be preceded by two auxiliary sessions, Department Commander Hollis C. Hull, said Monday. The Eight and Forty convention will be July 25 and the Eight and Forty session July 26, he said. Those organizations are women's auxiliary and men's honor groups,

**Fulton Lewis Jr.**  
**WASHINGTON REPORT**  
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LOS ANGELES — Student editors and reporters of the University of California newspaper, the Daily Californian, aren't bright enough to be in college.

Almost everyone by now, it seems to me, is aware that we have a war on our hands and that the enemy is Communist, fighting on orders from the Soviet Union. One of the effective weapons being used against us is propaganda, which is just as deadly as a Communist bullet. So it comes as something of a surprise to find it being peddled by the campus newspaper of one of our great universities. University officials and the board of regents, led by one of the nation's great patriots, John Francis Neylan, are trying to find out why it is being done and in so doing they deserve whatever help any of us can give them.

In a recent article one of the Daily Californian's reporters wrote a story of a campus meeting at which a collection of juvenile minds expressed their opposition to the California Committee on Un-American Activities. No one got alarmed over this. That is, until the story appeared in the college paper.

The meeting was sponsored by the Labor Youth League, which the reporter described as an "off-campus political group." It is that in fact and something more, too, which the college newspaper overlooked out of ignorance or design. It is important to determine which. The Labor Youth League is a Communist controlled organization that publishes a mimeographed, handout devoted to a type of propaganda that sent me back to the dictionary for another look at the definition of the word treason.

The league distributes its propaganda on the University campus. In a recent handout it had this to say: "The U.S. press had led many Americans to regard the war in Korea as a war to preserve democracy. Carefully concealed is the deliberate U.S. policy to methodically exterminate the Korean people."

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued from Page 1) much if you would give our problem some thought.

Ah, my dears, that "in-between age! I know it seems to you that your problem is unique. It isn't. It comes to everyone. Especially, it comes to everyone of your sex. While you were in high school, did you happen in your literature courses to read much of Longfellow? If so, you will recall these lines from his poem Maidenhood: "Standing with reluctant feet, "Where the brook and river meet, "Womanhood and childhood fleet!"

"Where the brook and river meet. There is where you are standing now. You are neither children nor are you women. But where you are standing is not a TRAGIC spot. It is a wonderful spot. All your lives so far you have been preparing yourselves to live. Now you are BEGINNING to live. You are standing at the door of the Great Adventure. What we oldsters would give to be standing where you are a standing now!"

What I fear, my dears, is that you are falling into some wrong thinking. You say: "We would like to have dances and things like that PROVIDED for us just as well as the high school students. Provided by whom? By Government—city, state or federal? Or

## Allied Planes Figure In Chief Action In Korea

SEUL, Korea (AP) — American and Communist jets battle in MIG Alley Tuesday as skies cleared over North Korea. One Red MIG was damaged.

Twenty two F-86 Sabre jets tangled briefly with about 50 MIGs from 30,000 feet down to 20,000 feet.

A bright sun warmed the snow-covered battlefield. But only patrol action was reported. Lt. James E. Arnold of Walla Walla, Wash., reported the damaged MIG. There was no report of Allied losses.

Allied warplanes flew 579 sorties by 6 p.m., the Fifth Air Force reported. They ripped up Red rail lines in 97 places.

Monday night Allied fighters and light bombers roared over North Korea and strafed nearly 900 Communist vehicles. Pilots reported destruction of more than 80. B-29

Superforts attacked the rail bridge at Sinanju in Northwest Korea.

The heaviest ground action Monday was in the rugged mountains of Eastern Korea. Red infantrymen attacked two Allied positions, but were driven back by artillery. U.N. troops counted 23 Communist dead.

The North Korean radio at Pyongyang said two Allied planes were shot down and a U. N. destroyer was damaged on the west coast Monday. There was no confirmation from Allied sources.

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists hinted Tuesday that Red China would wash its hands of direct participation in administering a Korean armistice.

The hint was cryptic and indirect. It came during a meeting of staff officers on truce supervision at which the U.N. Command

reported "progress was being made."

Iona college's basketball team will make its initial appearance in Madison Square Garden against Seton Hall Dec. 15.

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