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MARKET FOR TREES

By Charles V. Stanton

A good example of the changing scene in the forest industry is furnished by the Christmas tree market. Christmas tree farms are developing all over the country. The trade now has reached such importance that it is becoming organized. Grading standards are being established to protect both producers and consumers.

Charles Ladd of the State Department of Forestry told us recently that Christmas tree sales in the United States last year resulted in total income amounting to approximately $20,000,000. More than one million trees, he estimates, were supplied from the state of Oregon, returning about $2,000,000 in income.

A good market exists for Christmas trees, although a good deal of "junk" is offered for sale. Because so many poor quality trees are being shipped into the various markets, grading standards are being set up as a protective measure. This should result in improved conditions for both producer and buyer.

In some parts of the country plantings are for Christmas trees only. But in other sections Christmas trees are a part of a continuous farming process. Plantings are made on a long-range program in which the sale of Christmas trees furnishes early income from a crop which eventually will mature into saw timber. Following the removal of Christmas trees, the producer anticipates later income from the remaining forest as he thins for posts, stakes, fuel, pulp wood, crossarms, piling, studs and other products, while still retaining trees for eventual cutting as saw timber.

Thus, by managed production and harvest, he has a continuous source of income.

It is this program that offers an exceptional opportunity here in Douglas County, where we have so much submarginal land, better suited for wood production than for any other purpose.

Tree Farming Possibilities

No county in Oregon has a better opportunity than Douglas for profitable tree farming. We have thousands of acres of land best suited for growing timber. Our climate is productive of rapid growth.

A good comparison of growth factors recently was furnished us by J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, U. S. Forest Service. Discussing conditions in the Southern States, which are far advanced over the Pacific Northwest in tree farming, he said:

It was not until the old-growth of the South was practically gone that forest industries and land owners realized that timber must be protected and managed as a crop. The South is doing business on a growth rate of 300 to 500 board feet per acre per year in understocked stands. Fully stocked stands can produce 500 to 700 board feet per acre per year. The Douglas fir region is not only blessed with uncut virgin stands but has well stocked young stands producing 500 to 1,500 board feet per acre per year.

By getting a new crop of timber well established while we are still cutting on the virgin stand, we can assure continuation of Douglas County's position as the nation's timber capital. Furthermore, through development of farm woodlots, we can add millions of dollars annually to our agricultural income.

Emphasis On Tree Farming

In the last few years emphasis on tree farming has been growing in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, this emphasis has not been applied in areas having an abundance of virgin timber. It has only come to those sections that have been critically depleted and have suffered industrial losses. More attention should be given to those localities, like Douglas County, where a new crop can be developed to furnish materials by the time the original stock becomes short.

The Oregon State Department of Forestry has been attacking the tree farming problem in the Willamette Valley. It now has five full-time foresters working in nine counties of Western Oregon, north of the Douglas County line.

Last year the state nursery supplied 1,800,000 trees to Oregon farmers to be planted on farm woodlots. This was in addition to 3,500,000 trees planted on Tillamook Burn.

If we can get a similar program in operation in Douglas County within the very near future, we will be far ahead of any other producing area of the state, with the possible exception of Curry County, which is just now experiencing the start of industrial timber removal and has opportunity to do a real job of management. Curry County, however, cannot begin to compare with Douglas County in the acreage of submarginal lands, now unproductive and available for forest growth.

It is to be hoped that a county-wide tree farming program can be organized with little delay.

Scraps From the Mending Basket

by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874 Drain, Or.

Although far from home on this Easter Sunday, Queen Juliana will be among people from The Netherlands, many of them so recently from there that they still speak Dutch among themselves. Last Sunday a visitor at church told me that the Dutch Queen would be in Paramount, California, for Easter Sunday. Think of the excitement in that small community. I'd like to be there for the event.

"The pastor of the Dutch church in Paramount knew ueen Juliana back in The Netherlands," said Mrs. S.J.M., the visitor from Paramount, "and so the Queen will attend his church on Easter Sunday."

About 1500 Dutch live in that area. We lived in the north end of Long Beach for so many years and knew so many Dutch. Fine people. All Americans or becoming Americanized but loving the old customs and the familiar tongue of the motherland, even as people with other backgrounds enjoy retrospective thoughts.

Many Portugese are around Paramount, too. A festival is held annually in memory of the time Queen Isabella prayed for wheat for her starving people, and a shipload of wheat came into Lisbon. Many centures ago but not forgotten.

The thing I always think of now in connection with Paramount is the way two communities were often trying to outdo each other, thus retarding their own progress. They had two chambers of commerce, two postoffices (Hynes and Clearwater) two everything. Yet only the middle of a street divided them: houses on one side were in one community; houses on the other, the opposite town. Then the Woman's Club bought a lovely old home which was on that dividing street. I think that was the beginning of the healing of the friction.

At any rate Hynes people, flatly refusing to give us their town's name for Clearwater were willing to change it to Paramount (name of major highway running through main street of both towns) and the Clearwater residents were also willing to accept that name.

So the Dutch Queen is in Paramount where everybody will give her a royal welcome.

What Price Wage Increase?

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—Political candidates and hard-pressed politicians seeking re-election have taken a cue from the American people and are demanding that European nations show more interest in being saved from Communism and less in grabbing American dollars.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is one of the individuals who recently warned North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations that the American people are becoming testy about supporting Europe. Senator Tom Connally, the Texas Democrat who used to try to spend us into bankruptcy, recently has become an advocate of economy in foreign aid. He is up for re-election.

All of this is just sound and fury, however. Administration bureaucrats keep right on trying to pump more billions out of Congress. They act as though the United States were the only nation trying to fend off the Russians.

Take the Voice of America, for instance. The British, French, Dutch, Germans, Italians, Swedes, Norwegians and all the rest of the nations this side of the Iron Curtain conduct anti-Russian propaganda radio programs to counter Soviet lies, but the State Department acts as though it never heard of them. They ask for more and more millions for the VOA, with the obvious idea that the U.S. has to do all the talking-back to the Russians.

For example, the VOA wants to hire 3,517 more persons by the end of fiscal 1953, and it wants to spend almost $50,000,000 more than it is spending this year, for a total of $170,000,000. Congress isn't going to give the Voice that much, but the figure will be more than it is for the current year.

Russia, according to the State Department, is spending $1,400,000,000 annually for propaganda. I doubt this, but even so it is a meaningless figure even when used as a club to beat more money out of Congress. As far as I know, nobody but the State Department's free wheeling spenders have ever expected the U.S. to match Russia dollar for dollar in counter-propaganda.

The Soviet Union directs only fraction of its propaganda at the U.S. Very few Americans, in fact, tune in on Russian English language broadcasts. Europe gets the brunt of Russian propaganda and Europe should answer it.

The Russians are clever at exploiting the age-old political schisms in Europe. They understand European politics. So do the British, the French, Italians and the other nations being bombarded with Kremlin fast-talk.

In comparison, VOA counter propaganda is ludicrous. And if the VOA would quit scrambling up the air waves, Allied nations could sass the Russians where it counted. We might even be better off if we were to simply shut off the Voice, turn the money over to our NATO allies, and let them do the answering. They understand the problem. The VOA doesn't.

A recent witness from the State Department before the House Appropriations Committee almost wept at the thought that Russia is broadcasting 1,239 hours a week while the VOA broadcasts only 331 hours a week in reply.

There are some pretty sharp customers on the House Appropriations Committee staff, however. They showed that combined NATO countries broadcast a total of 2,460 hours a week, compared to Russia's 1,239 average.

The facts are that the Soviet Union is not spending anywhere near a billion and a half dollars for international propaganda broadcasts. There are not enough short wave stations in Russia and the satellite nations combined to require that much money.

The plain truth is that we are doing more than our share right now in replying to Soviet lies. If we concentrated on answering Soviet slanders about the U.S.A., Europe would be satisfied. As it is, the State Department tries to assume the burden of Europe along with our own.

The assumption is that the U.S. can spend forever and that anyway the VOA does a better job. Both conclusions are false. The House Appropriations Committee is catching onto that fact, but that doesn't keep Secretary of State Dean Acheson's shop from trying to do all the talking for the free world. Maybe if Congress lets him, he'll bore Russia to death. He has Congress in that condition now, so maybe we'll save some money after all.

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Leader of the conference will be Dr. Stanley Cain, head of the University of Michigan conservation department and internationally recognized authority in this field.

Dr. Cain is scheduled for two major talks. He will open the conference at 9:30 Saturday morning with an address on "Conservation is Everybody's Business" and will discuss international resource development following a banquet that night sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, all-school scholastic honor society.

Joseph Pechanec, chief of range research for the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Portland, will speak on biological backgrounds of conservation in agriculture, at the Saturday luncheon sponsored by Sigma Xi, science honor society.

Other speakers will include Leo A. Isaac, silviculturist for the Pacific Northwest Forest and Experiment Station, who will discuss conservation in forestry; Dr. H. J. Vaux of the University of California school of forestry, whose subject will be economics of conservation in forestry; and Dr. C. V. Plath, associate professor of agricultural economics at OSC, who will talk on the economics of conservation in agriculture.

the general public, according to Dr. th general public, according to Dr. W. F. McCulloch, head of forest management at OSC, colloquium chairman.

Prices Back In 1899 Occasion Good Laugh

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Miss Trudy Brennan and her grocer had a good laugh Tuesday comparing OPS ceiling prices on food with some food prices advertised in a newspaper.

When she found butter advertised at 22 cents a pound Miss Brennan decided the grocer ought to have a look. Butter was selling at close to four times that amount at the store.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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a plan) would be to get General Eisenhower into hot water, every time he opened his mouth, with SOME SELFISH PRESSURE GROUP OR OTHER.

As the situation now stands, we have drifted about as far away from the ideal of the Founding Fathers as it is possible to get. Instead of ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, we have degenerated into an aggregation of snarling, snapping ferocious factions. Each faction is intent upon feathering its own nest.

About the only vestige of unity that is left to us lies in the fact that ALL of these factions fly the same banner, bearing in one form or another this cynical motto:

"WE WANT OURS, AND TO HECK WITH EVERYBODY ELSE."

If you could call that unity, we have it.

I don't know just what it is that animates those of us who are FOR General Eisenhower in this perhaps strangest of all movements since the search for the Holy Grail.

I know only that we are fired by an ideal. I THINK this is the hope that binds us together.

In these years when our nation has been decaying politically, General Eisenhower has been removed from the roily, sewage-laden political currents that have been carrying us away from what we once were toward what we are now. In an admirable sense, he has been a DEDICATED man—dedicated to the WELFARE of his country. Because of this remoteness from the leg-biting, ear-chewing struggle for money and POWER that has rent us, we HOPE that he can approach the task of regeneration with an uncontaminated mind.

That hope, I think is the cement that holds the Eisenhower movement together. That is the only way I can explain it satisfactorily to myself.

After that somewhat idealistic detour, let's get back to what started this piece off—the recent chatter about the supposed plan on the part of Senator Taft's supporters to heckle Eisenhower when he gets home.

I hope it doesn't materialize. I have always felt that Senator Taft is a man TOO BIG for nasty little ward-heeling tactics such as that. If such a project were carried out, it would have to be with his consent.

If he gave his consent to such a scheme, it would disillusion me about him. Besides, it would rend and tear the Republican party.

If such a thing should develop I would hope that General Eienhower would ignore it. I wouldn't want to see him get involved in a bar-room brawl of that sort. But if the provocation became too great for human flesh to bear, I think he might well say something like this:

"Dear Senator Taft: You have been asking questions of me. Perhaps I might say this to you: While I have been away on our country's military and diplomatic business, you have been at home looking after our country's political and economic business, including the business of price and wage stabilization that has brought us to the impasse of government seizure of the steel industry.

"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE AS A SENATOR to head off this impasse? Yoy have led no movements in the congress in these recent critical weeks to settle it wisely and permanently. Instead you have been away campaigning.

"How are the people to know from your acts and utterances in this crisis how you would ACT AS PRESIDENT in a similar crisis?"

Child Killed When Hit By Mother's Car

By The Associated Press

Week end traffic accidents in Oregon claimed the lives of two.

John Dethman, 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dethman, was fatally injured Saturday when struck by his mother's car as she backed out of a driveway at their Corvallis home. The boy's father was a halfback on the Oregon State College football team in the 1942 Rose Bowl game.

A Tongue Point sailor was killed and another injured critically Sunday when a motorcycle on which they were riding ran off an embankment at Cannon Beach. The Navy withheld the dead seaman's name until his family could be notified.

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