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ACCESS ROADS URGED

Charles V. Stanton

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association climaxed its annual meeting in Washington, D. C., recently, with a demand that the federal government "keep its hands off private timber management" and that it build more access roads to speed the harvesting of over-aged and damaged timber on the federal domain.

That's what we've been telling 'em for years! Perhaps the Lumbermen's Association, meeting in close proximity to the White House, will have more authority than our weak little voice "speaking in the wilderness."

It may also be true that a change in administration will help. It should help, especially, now that Eisenhower has appointed as Secretary of the Interior a man who believes in federal cooperation with private industry rather than domination, regulation and control by the government.

The new administration will have an exceptional opportunity to promote real economy in this country if it will manage natural resources cooperatively with industry, rather than trying to use those resources for political purposes.

Douglas County Has Much At Stake

Douglas County perhaps has more at stake in the adoption of a realistic policy for management of federally-owned timber than any other spot in the entire country.

We have a tremendous volume of timber—the largest stand in any county anywhere. Much of that timber is over-ripe. Millions of board feet are deteriorating. We can't get to that timber because we lack main access roads. Yet we are cutting many millions of feet of privately-owned timber which shouldn't be harvested for the next 40 or 50 years. If we could have access to that old timber, which is losing value every year, we could be preserving much of the younger timber in which we are now working; trees that are still storing wood on the stump.

Our timber management program, in some sections of the county, is all fouled up by interagency squabbling over the so-called "controversial" lands. Although ample legislation exists whereby effective management policies could be arranged, the squabble continues because of its political involvements.

We have a most critical salvage problem. Millions of board feet of logs are contained in fire-blasted areas together with other millions of timber blown down by wind. The major salvage problem, however, concerns the beetle-infested forest areas where, unless immediate action is obtained to provide access, we not only will lose timber already killed but still usable but we will permit infestation to spread into healthy forests.

Local Regulation Desirable

The road problem has been seriously handicapped by unrealistic demands of the Bureau of Land Management upon private operators. These demands are made strictly for political effect rather than for efficient management. Salvage work is being dangerously delayed by BLM road right of way demands.

In the majority of cases interested private parties could work out an agreement between themselves within a few minutes. But when Uncle Sam gets into the issue, it becomes immediately bound up in red tape.

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association urges that controls and regulations be left to the states. It specifically urges federal expenditures of \$30,000,000 annually over the next five years for construction of new timber access roads in federal forests. This is three times the amount now being spent. Actually, the loss in deteriorating timber would offset a considerable portion of the investment, while increased stumpage values would quickly repay construction costs.

Failure to build access roads indicates poor business management of the public domain on the part of Congress, the administration and various participating agencies.

So Much of Your Success Depends on Your Chef



Fulton Lewis Jr.
WASHINGTON REPORT
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WASHINGTON - Vice President-elect Richard M. Nixon has been assigned the job of government house cleaner by the incoming president, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Nixon, who asked for and was assured additional duties when he agreed to be Eisenhower's running mate, will head a federal commission of prominent citizens and will have at his disposal investigators and legal aides who will be assigned to find the Communists and crooks still on the federal payroll.

Nixon's extra duties are only one phase of a new plan for good government being developed by Eisenhower's advisors at the present time. The incoming vice president is expected to examine every department of the federal government, including the cabinet rank departments, such as Justice, Agriculture and Interior.

He will undoubtedly be assured of Federal Bureau of Investigation assistance in a manner that other crime busters in Washington were denied because of President Truman's edict against the disclosure of executive department files.

Eisenhower plans to set up a super cabinet, staffed by prominent Americans who have an urge

for public service but no particular political or other permanent federal employment. The super cabinet will function out of the White House, under the incoming President's personal direction. It will operate in the fashion of the Hoover Commission, and undoubtedly will recommend many of the reorganization proposals which Congress and President Truman ignored.

Open Mind Kept On A-Bomb Use, Bradley States

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff, says President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower is going to talk with the front-line rifleman as well as the generals on his Korean tour.

"Furthermore," he said, "Gen. Eisenhower is not going to talk only to those gentlemen. He is going to talk to division commanders, lower commanders, and even a bunch of the soldiers, sailors and airmen themselves."

Bradley also hinted that the U. S. top command is keeping an open mind on the question of using atom bombs in Korea. Pointing out there are no real strategic targets in Korea and not sufficient tactical targets for such weapons, he added:

"Now if they (the Communists) should mass against us for an all-out attack, you might be tempted to use it."

The general said he could see little value in the Indian proposal for establishment of a prisoner of war repatriation commission as a means of settling the Korean truce negotiations deadlock.

"If we can't solve this," he said, "during a military truce talk where we are putting military pressure on them and where it is in their interest to settle it, we think there is less chance of their agreeing to it in a political conference."

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Special Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Special music has been arranged by the choir, with Mrs. Lewis Wilson as organist and Mrs. Harold Purkey as choir director. The public is invited to attend.

BUSINESS NAME FILED

Certificate of assumed business name is on record in the county clerk's office for Pacific Sea Foods, 2041 N. Stephens, by Irene C. Winzer.

A retirement certificate was filed for the Pacific Sea Foods, Inc. by Paul W. Garren.

Be Thankful Tomorrow For Your American Privilege To Choose

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

In this year of 1952 we perhaps ought to be most thankful that we have been able once again to enjoy a renewal of the processes of our life which us free.

We have just lately come through one of the most strident political campaigns in our nation's history. Reflecting on its tone and content, all Americans must feel a tinge of regret that their politics always seems to be rougher and more bitter than it ought.

And yet we must still be tremendously grateful that we can indulge in this sort of thing at all. Bad as it is, the unbridled nature of our struggle for high office is one great measure of the extent of our freedom.

We in America are continuing to be free to choose the men we want as leaders, in spite of all trials, in spite of all pressures. So long as we hold that privilege, we shall never be delivered into tyranny. So long as we have the right to keep, or reject, as we choose, we are safe from the encroachments of the dictator.

Nowhere else on earth is there a land of such diversity and size—both in area and population—which can boast of practicing democracy as we do. Other smaller countries may show the world more perfect examples of individual liberty, more perfect instruments of government. But they do not encompass desert, mountain, green plains, a dozen different climates, complex varieties of the human species.

What this nation does every four years is for the aspirants to office and the voters alike more an ordeal than an event. We seem unable, even with the most high-minded of candidates, to make our choices without resort to the heights of exaggeration and the depths of abuse and slander.

But we have not lost the right to choose. No distortions of campaign method can obscure that. And isn't that a great deal to be thankful for?

LARCENY CASE DISMISSED

The State's case of larceny by baillee against Don Knoke, 26, of Chiloquin, has been dismissed by District Judge A. J. Geddes on motion of the district attorney's office.

and disillusioned, and so might come over completely to our side. India's 400 million people, if brought definitely over to our side of the fence, would be an asset of immense importance.

There's the story. Draw your own conclusions.

It does illustrate the delicacy and the complications of the international problems that face the Eisenhower administration.

Never was America's need for GREAT leaders more pressing.

In the Day's News

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war we handed back to them after V-E Day in Europe.

That incident stands as a black mark on our record. We don't want to add another one to it.

War, some people say, is WAR. It's bloody and cruel, in itself. There is little justice in war, anyway. If we can get the war in Korea stopped by sending a few thousand communist prisoners back home—maybe to be executed or enslaved—why not?

If we DON'T get the war in Korea stopped, thousands of American boys will die. So runs the reasoning.

In this, as in so many problems, there are two sides. Here is the other one:

We pose as the defender of liberty and the friend of the oppressed and the persecuted throughout the world. If we hand over these prisoners to possible death or enslavement, how are we to hold the faith and the respect of other peoples—especially in Asia?

If we lose the faith and the respect of other peoples (especially in Asia) how are we to keep them on our side in this battle to the death with communism? If we fail to hold allies (especially in Asia) in the battle with communism and have to go it alone, MANY MORE American boys will have to die before it is all over.

That is the argument in a nutshell.

Here, briefly, is India's proposal:

Turn these prisoners over to an international commission to be composed of two Russian satellite nations and two Western nations. These four will then choose a fifth. The fifth nation would hold the power of decision. It is the familiar pattern of the arbitration board.

The British, long skilled in the ways of diplomacy, figure there is a good chance that the communists wouldn't accept the plan, anyway. In that way, the British point out, India would be kicked in the face.

LOCAL NEWS

To Serve Dinner — The Roseburg Country Club will serve turkey dinners Thanksgiving day from 3 to 7 p.m. Members are invited.

Nigerian Visitor — Durward L. Boyles, a student at Southern Oregon College of Education, will have as his guest over the Thanksgiving holiday, Ekanem Ita Ekanem from Nigeria, Africa, who recently came to this country as an exchange student and is now attending S.O.C.

Home For Vacation — Miss Kathleen Kilkenny, freshman at Maryhurst College, is spending Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kilkenny, 330 East First Avenue North. She has recently been appointed a member of the campus newspaper staff.

Plywood Mills Denied Damages In Patent Suit

PORTLAND (AP) — Associated Plywood Mills of Eugene does not have a patent on machinery used by a Portland firm for patching veneer sheets, a Federal Court jury decided Tuesday.

The Eugene firm contended that its patent was being infringed by the E. V. Prentice Co. of Portland. It asked damages.

The jury, after a five-day trial, rejected the damage claim, holding that there was no infringement.

The action started when the Portland company said the Eugene firm was threatening its customers with lawsuits on the ground of patent infringement. The Portland company asked an injunction. The Eugene firm then countered with a suit for damages. That was the action decided Tuesday.

One of the witnesses for the Portland firm was Henry Becker, brought here from Germany to testify. He invented the Raimann machine used by the Portland firm.

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Scraps
From the

**MENDING
BASKET**

Vahnett Martin - P.O. Box 874 - Drain, Or.

What was it at your place this morning? 16 here, my neighbor said at 8 a.m. Our thermometer at 9, with the sun on the porch, was 18 and I thought it must be off some way. But the ice was drinking from! But, oh, what a wonderful world it was, all white and beautiful, with the sun on the frost.

Well, I dressed warm for fishing late this afternoon but, dear me, when I saw the thick frost still along highway 38 at three o'clock I shivered at the very thought of going down on the river! So I stayed in the car — and watched two beauties come up the bank. Fish, I mean, beautiful fish! They sure are pulling them out of that river now. The boats pit-pit up and down, the smokestacks on the little tin stoves puffing. But they seem to get fish off the bank, too!

As I sat in the car (thinking what I'd write for Thanksgiving in this column) I turned on the radio and heard a program in which a panel of high school seniors and juniors answered questions sent in by the radio audience. I found many reasons for being thankful.

I thought about that program afterwards. To begin with, how wonderful to live in a country where boys and girls could speak their minds as did the panel.

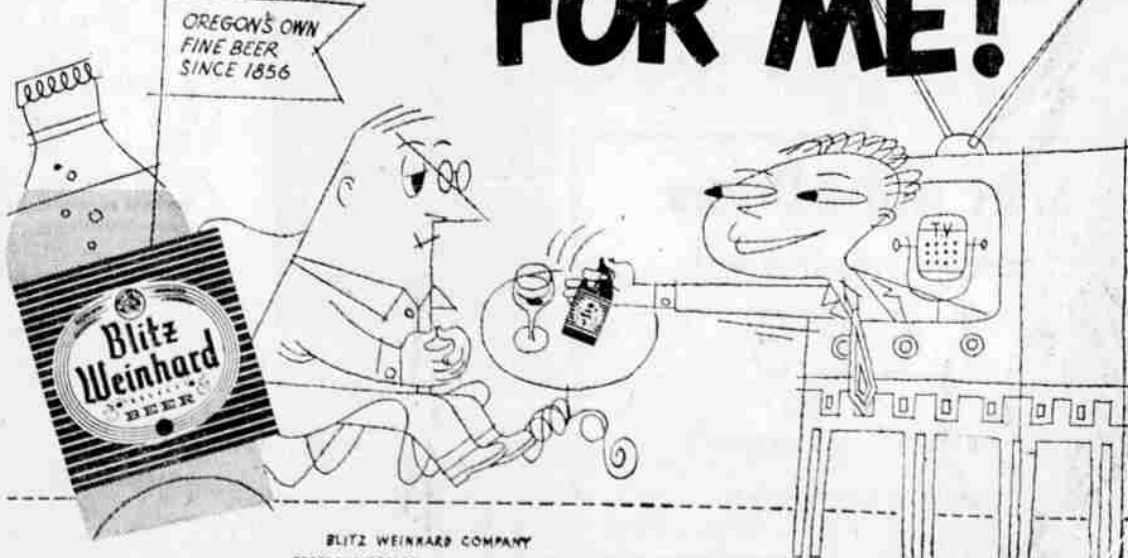
Then I was impressed, as I so often am, with the level-headed thinking of the young people. To be sure a few get into the head-lines for things that do not show

EXPENSE ECONOMY

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Circuit Judge W. C. Mayfield reported an expenditure of just 3 cents in filing his report of "campaign" expenditures with the circuit clerk in the recent general election.

The money, said Judge Mayfield, purchased a stamp for the letter in which he notified the secretary of state he wished his name on the ballot.

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