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VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

By Charles V. Stanton

A flattering vote of confidence has been given the program of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Letters recently were sent to members asking for project suggestions. Returns were almost unanimous in listing in priority positions the various promotional activities guiding the organization during the past year.

The Chamber of Commerce has been working industriously on the road program, including major highways and, more particularly, timber access roads. Transportation, civic improvements and recreation also have received much attention. Extensive work has been done in fields of agriculture, wood utilization, forest management problems, and many others.

That the membership wants these projects continued and gives them highest priority is clearly indicated by recommendations received in reply to the questionnaire.

Access roads, wood utilization and secondary manufacture of wood products draw chief attention, denoting that the public is well informed on major problems.

Wood Utilization Vital

Our tremendous waste of wood fiber is apparently of concern to a great majority of Chamber of Commerce members. Elimination or even reduction in the volume of waste poses a difficult problem. So long as highest profits are to be found in manufacture of rough green lumber, it is difficult to interest investment capital in utilization or secondary manufacturing processes where the rate of profit is lower. As raw materials become less abundant, however, utilization will follow as a natural trend. If by encouraging and stimulating interest in utilization the Chamber of Commerce can bring even one such industry into the area a year or more ahead of normal expectation the county will realize many dollars in payrolls.

Opportunity for many such processes exist in Douglas County. Most practical at present are pulp, hard and soft board, furniture, sash and doors. But our economic survey lists scores of additional utilization and secondary manufacturing opportunities within the Umpqua Basin. To speed their entry into the industrial program is a matter of serious concern with the Chamber of Commerce.

The public should not expect overnight results from even the most strenuous campaign in the utilization field. Many economic factors must be considered. Utilization and secondary manufacture do not normally materialize in an area of abundant timber. If primary manufacture only could be integrated with secondary manufacture an ideal situation would exist. But normal practice is to first skim off the cream through cutting of rough green lumber, then turn to secondary manufacture after the resource becomes depleted.

By working continuously to interest industries ahead of the time they normally would enter the field, the Chamber of Commerce is fighting a strong current. But some results already have been achieved and others will follow. The effort requires much time and work and is accompanied by many disappointments. The public should not expect more than minor gains while we remain in a state of relative abundance of raw material.

Flood Control Gains Interest

One project in which increasing interest is evidenced by suggestions received is that of flood control. The flood control proposals are closely tied in with those for increased irrigation, watershed protection and water conservation. The proposals center around the South Umpqua drainage system.

Some rather ambitious plans have been suggested for the South Umpqua. One, which is receiving considerable study, would create a huge storage reservoir on the Jackson Creek watershed. Jackson Creek flows through a fairly wide and long valley, which narrows down near the confluence of the stream with the South Umpqua.

It is proposed to build a dam at the narrow spot, creating a huge storage reservoir where water could be collected during the wet seasons and released gradually during the summer to maintain more uniform flow in the main river. As the land is federally owned and no private interests are involved, the project has fewer complications than ordinarily found in such planning.

Replies to the Chamber of Commerce questionnaire indicate that members are well satisfied with the course now being followed. It also is indicated that the membership is vitally interested in continuing a strong policy of resource development. At the same time the suggestions show the public to be well informed and practical in its opinions.

Atomic-Powered Airship Foreseen By U. S. Experts

By VERN HAUGLAND

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—An atomic-powered airship that circles the globe and carries along its own fighter planes was foreseen Friday night by a U. S. expert on lighter-than-air craft.

The metal-covered, helium-filled airship, said Retired Vice Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, would be as big as to put the famous Hindenburg in "the Model T league."

Rosendahl called on the government to push a development program that could produce such a ship, and denounced what he termed "the almost unbelievable and unrealistic handling of airship matters" by U. S. officials.

He told a conference of builders and designers of convertible aircraft there should be a "wide open, full forum by a qualified non-partisan body" on the Navy's lighter-than-air program.

"True presentation of full facts could result only in a well supported, comprehensive, profitable program of large airships for the United States," he said.

The retired admiral, who is a consultant to Flettner Aircraft Corp. of Long Island, N. Y., said

the so-called Zeppelin—a rigid airship covered by fabric—also has yet to reach the peak of its development.

"When our airship program is resumed," he said, "it is probable we shall have more and much bigger ships of this general type."

Military Plane Output To Hit High Production

WASHINGTON (AP)—America's military plane output is slated to hit a post-Korean peak next spring with plenty of production capacity still remaining in case of emergency.

Air Force Undersecretary Roswell Gilpatrick said yesterday the production of Air Force craft reached 666 in November and will hit a top of between 750 and 800 a month next spring. Output then is to taper off to about 300 a month by June, 1956, he said.

But the all-out capacity of the aircraft industry, Gilpatrick said, is "several times" the 800-a-month peak scheduled under the rearmament program.

COURTROOM LOOTED

PIACENZA, Italy (AP)—Thieves broke into a local courtroom here last night and stole 300,000 lire (about \$500) from a safe.

"Who Says This Isn't the Land of Opportunity?"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Under the United Nations set-up an official of the Soviet Union is informed of military orders to American troops in Korea before they are dispatched to American commanders on the battlefield.

The Russian is Constantine Zinchenko, whose official title is Minister of War, Communication and Information of the United Nations. His unofficial title is military security officer, and he is in charge of all legal, military and judicial affairs insofar as they affect UN military action.

The Russians were handed this prize UN plum at the preparatory commission-meeting in London, following the UN organizational sessions in San Francisco, in 1945, where Alger Hiss served as secretary. The Russians demanded the security post and threatened to withdraw from the world organization if they did not get it.

Arkady Sobolev was dispatched from Moscow to be the first holder of the post when the UN came into being at Lake Success. He was replaced by Zinchenko in 1951.

The UN runs the Korean war. In fact it was to Sobolev that Gen. Douglas MacArthur was required to report periodically prior to his ouster from his Pacific command by former artillery Captain Harry S. Truman. Sobolev criticized MacArthur at one point, charging that the supreme commander of UN forces in the Pacific was holding out on him in submitting his official reports.

Knowing Gen. MacArthur, I am certain the Russian was correct. MacArthur, in turn, accused the UN Security Council publicly of censoring some of the material submitted in his periodic reports on the UN police action in Korea.

MacArthur is smart enough to know where Korean battle plans would go if submitted to a Soviet citizen in charge of the UN's military security. He could have saved money by sending them direct to the Communist Chinese and North Koreans.

It is unfortunate that there isn't someone as smart as MacArthur on the other end of the funnel—the State Department. The State Department runs the UN show for the U. S. government. It takes military papers and decisions, clears them with the White House, its own policy planners and then drops them in the hopper for Russia's Mr. Zinchenko.

American officials at the UN excuse the entire fiasco by stating that not all of the military information about U. S. troops and military strategy gets to Zinchenko. But they admit that plenty of it does— which is way too much any way you look at it.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and other UN apologists who can't get steamed up over American Communists and subversive agents on the UN payroll, always point out that the UN charter contains an oath whereby nationals from all governments swear allegiance to the UN.

In other words, at least during the working day, all UN employees are supposed to forget their allegiance to their own nation and work for the progress of the UN, even to the detriment of home countries.

Only our own State Department and the creeps it fed into the UN payroll, plus their apologists like Mrs. Roosevelt, ever pay any attention to the UN oath of office. Here is how the Russians feel about it:

The Turkish ambassador to the U. N. Selin Sarper, recently called on Zinchenko to complain that Turkey is being denied proper representation on the U. N. secretariat, and especially in Zinchenko's particular department.

Zinchenko replied: "I am perfectly willing and so is Mr. Malik (to grant Turkey representation) but Moscow isn't."

Under the U. N. charter all U. N. members are allowed a number of principal officers. By a complicated

In the Day's News

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your own affairs, with NOBODY breathing down your neck and telling you what to do. Every woman wants to run her own house, and can hardly wait for the time when they will be independent and on their own. Every living person wants to run his own life.

That's what lies back of ALL the bloody trouble in Africa, Asia and the Near and Middle East. The people there are bone-weary of being run by somebody else. They want to run their own shebang.

Are these North African Arabs CONSISTENT?

Heck, no! More centuries ago than most of us are capable of imagining, they rolled out of the deserts of what we now call the Near and Middle East and took the North African country away from the people who had it then.

I'm pretty sure the people who had the country then resented that as bitterly as the North African Arabs now resent the intrusion of the French.

Let's look in the mirror. ARE WE CONSISTENT? Again the answer is heck, no!

Our forefathers took the eastern seaboard of America away from the Indians. In time, these struggling settlements became ENGLISH colonies. The English started running our lives. WE RESISTED it. The Revolutionary war followed. We established our independence and our right to run our own shebang.

BUT— We kept right on and took ALL THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, clear to the Pacific, away from the Indians. As we succeeded in subduing them, we put them on reservations and ever since have RUN THEIR AFFAIRS.

Now— Although we successfully threw off the yoke of English colonialism (in a bloody war) and established our right to RUN OUR OWN LIVES—

We are presently supporting the British and the French IMPERIALISTS who are running the lives of the colonial peoples of Asia and Africa.

There is no such thing, you see, as consistency in world affairs. I suppose it could be added that there is no such thing as JUSTICE in world affairs.

Let's take another look. Suppose the English and the French and the Dutch and the Portuguese and the Belgians turned all their Asian and African colonies loose, and said to them: "You're on your own now, Bud. It's up to you."

What would happen? Why, COMMUNIST RUSSIA WOULD GOBBLE THEM ALL in the twinkling of an eye.

Will the world ever be ruled by pure justice?

Not in our time, I fear.

COULD the world ever be ruled by pure justice?

Yes. If ALL men and ALL nations, great and small, could learn to govern their relations with each other by the Golden Rule, there would be justice throughout the world.

And great happiness.

And VAST prosperity.

Mario Lanzas Have New Son, Their Third Child

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—December is the favorite month for the Mario Lanza family.

Friday, Dec. 12, the tenor's wife, Betty, gave birth to their third child, a boy, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

The Lanzas' other youngsters, Colleen, 4, and Elissa, 2, both were born in December too.

Police Records At Sutherlin Declared Faulty

Lack of an adequate records system in the Sutherlin police department was criticized by a Springfield police captain, hired by the city to aid in revamping the police department.

In his report to the city manager, Capt. Marion J. Redfern also criticized unsanitary conditions of the Sutherlin police office and the jail.

His report, published Friday in the Sutherlin Sun, noted that the office has since been cleaned up.

He also said there is a lack of proper administration.

"The detrimental side, showing the lack of proper administration, may be seen in the fact that the City of Sutherlin was without regular officers on the Saturday night of Nov. 1," Capt. Redfern continued. "This alone, from the viewpoint of the taxpayer, invited close scrutiny of personnel administration."

But he was most critical of the records system.

"It was found," his report continues, "there were no record files whatsoever from Sept. 1, 1952. . . there could be found no officers' traffic accident reports. Such report forms which were found were laden with dust, showing the lack of use. It might be added that these forms were protected behind a door and were in a locker."

Capt. Redfern said he found there no adequate means of passing information between shifts and added, "it is felt that this in itself could easily be termed negligence."

"At a later date an envelope was discovered in a pile of correspondence. . . The contents were a return envelope to the Navy Department, Eugene, and a questionaire regarding an inductee. This form had never been returned, and it should have been."

Sites To Be Kept For Proposed VA Hospitals

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Veterans Administration said Friday the government has now decided to hang on to 19 sites for proposed VA hospitals until the new Republican administration has a chance to review the veterans' medical program.

This is a reversal of the VA announcement last month that it was turning the sites over to the General Services Administration (GSA) for disposal as surplus because Congress allowed the authorization for construction of the hospitals to die on June 30.

A. W. Woolford, the VA's director of information, told a reporter the VA decided not to dispose of the sites after several congressmen had advised the agency they would try to get Congress again to authorize hospitals in their areas.

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) Thursday called for a study of the program in view of complaints the VA's medical services were being curtailed.

Five of the sites, bought by the VA or contributed by local interests in connection with the VA hospital expansion program approved by Congress in 1946 and 1947, are located at:

Norman, Okla.; El Paso, Tex.; Houston, Tex.; Ramoth Falls, Ore. and San Diego, Calif.

Congress originally authorized 243 million dollars for construction of hospitals at 19 sites and at five other places at which sites never were acquired or were used for other purposes.

Red Skelton Undergoes Three Hour Operation

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Red Skelton was recuperating today from a three-hour operation performed last week to correct a diaphragmatic hernia.

Dr. Stanley W. Immerman, one of the surgeons, said that barring complications, the TV and film comic will be out of the hospital in 10 to 12 days but must remain at home three weeks longer. Skelton's TV shows have been filmed six weeks ahead.

Skelton's condition is sometimes called an upside down stomach. The hernia caused his stomach to push against his heart and lungs, resulting in breathing difficulties and other trouble.

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High School Choir Girls Faint While Performing

WARREN, O. (AP)—Girls in the Harding High School choir have been fainting in groups as high as seven—right in the middle of their song.

Just a fad, said School Supt. Paul A. Miller today. The first girl swooned, he said, and the others follow suit.

Anyway, seven girls fainted Tuesday, while singing for the Exchange Club. On Wednesday, six swooned at the Rotary luncheon. The Kiwanians were startled Thursday to see five pass out.

Dr. Carl F. Scheig, the choir director, thinks the girls should eat something before a performance—or maybe it's "auto-suggestion." Yesterday, singing before the school assembly, all stayed on their feet.

Doctors have checked the girls after each fainting spell and have failed to find anything wrong with them.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

ROCKLAND, Me. (AP)—Two hotels and 15 other business establishments were wiped out in a million dollar fire at this old seaport Friday night.

The spectacular, wind-driven blaze destroyed 10 wooden buildings. Four others, housing eight more businesses, were damaged.

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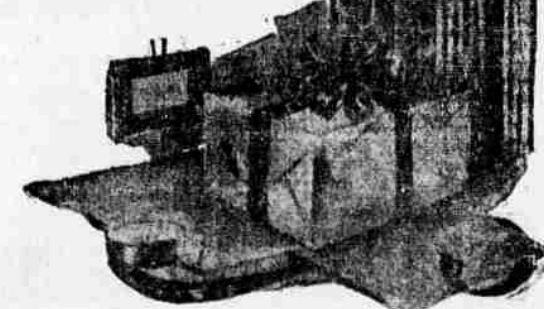


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