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FUTURE OF WOOD PRODUCTS

Pendleton East Oregonian

Some interesting Umatilla county developments in the wood products industry have been reported in recent days. Near the end of 1954 a sawmill started operations at Rieth. Since then another has been announced for that area plus two in the Athena area.

Of perhaps greater interest was the announcement last week that an operation has been established near Weston to provide lodge pole pine chips for the Oregon Fibre Products plant at Pilot Rock. For years foresters have been predicting that a large scale use would be found some day for lodge pole pine. But few if any had anticipated a need would be found so soon for the sticks that grow thicker than the hair on a dog's back throughout our forests.

The trend within the wood products industry of Oregon, and it applies to Umatilla county, has been pretty well established in recent years. The operator who does not have sufficient timber behind his operations to cut on a sustained yield basis must face the day that he will be out of business. The Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. states in all its advertising, "Timber is a crop." But to treat it as a crop that can be harvested and harvested again and again you must have a considerable quantity of it. Timber does not grow as rapidly as wheat.

Other noteworthy aspect of the trend is complete utilization of a basic resource, wood. We are fortunate in Umatilla county to have one operation that is achieving that. The combination of Pilot Rock Lumber company's sawmill, the furniture factory of Kerns Co., Ltd., and the manufacture of softboard and hardboard by Oregon Fibre Products Co. completes the cycle of full utilization of every stick of timber brought from the woods to those plants at Pilot Rock.

With one variation, the same thing is accomplished by Harris Pine Mills. Their Pendleton operation is manufacturing lumber and furniture and is producing wood chips for a Weyerhaeuser plant in Idaho. We may hope the day will come that the wood chips are used in this county.

Citizens of Umatilla county are most grateful for the employment small mills are providing and will provide. But we must recognize that their existence is dependent entirely upon the amount of timber behind them.

During a Christmas holidays visit to Coos Bay, the heart of the largest remaining stand of Douglas fir timber in the United States, we were impressed by the very definite trend that has been established for the future of wood products manufacture in that area where that particular business is almost the sole prop of the economy. The day is coming rapidly there when only a few big operators will exist. The others either are running out of timber or are finding that it is no longer profitable to cut a log into boards and burn the waste.

It can be argued, and has been, of course, at length that it is not healthy for a community or an area to be dependent upon the employment provided by only a few large wood products manufacturers, that it is preferable to have many little guys in the business.

If you want to argue that thesis we believe you must recognize that full utilization of a tree is to be desired. If a combination of small operators can accomplish that you have a happy situation. The plain facts of the economic situation are that the little operators can subsist perpetually only if they are joined because none has sufficient money or timber to make it alone. And that gets us to the basic point that no wood products manufacturer has as yet found a substitute for timber.

If it is going to come down to the big operators we can be most thankful that almost all of them are planning their operations in order that they will be perpetual; that they will provide employment for the communities around them henceforth.

Hal Boyle

By JAMES BACON
For HAL BOYLE

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — A visit to Jimmy Durante's modest home in Beverly Hills is an experience not unlike trying to drive to the Rose Bowl 10 minutes before game time. The crush is terrific.

I've been to Durante's many times, and never have seen less than 10 people at any given time. Take the other day, just as an example.

A couple of NBC executives had called to talk over a business deal. I had dropped in for what might have been a routine interview. An electrician was working in the front room, oblivious to Eddie Jackson, Jules Buffalo and a half dozen other members of the Durante entourage.

The network brass cornered Jimmy but not for long. He was at the piano with an apologetic nod to the executives: "I just got something."

He played a few bars and yelled at Jackson: "Try singin' it dis way, Eddie." Jackson was into his famous strut and singing like he was the closing act at the Palace. Durante, cigar in his mouth, sang along without gestures. He stopped the music, said a word or two to me and rejoined the executives. But only for a minute. The doorbell rang and Jimmy answered it, in person.

It was a new milkman who didn't know he had Durante for a customer. Durante grabbed him by the arm and took him on a tour of the house. Again he apologized to the executives: "I wanted to show him de jerrt so he wouldn't leave no sour milk."

The brass obviously was not used to such informal business conferences. It lasted a few minutes more and Jimmy yelled to the cook: "Hey, where's my breakfast?"

"It's been ready since noon," she yelled back twice as loud. It was now 4 p.m. He sat down and beckoned me and the executives to join him.

"When Durante eats, everybody eats." The executives had coffee and left. Jimmy disclosed that they wanted him to stick more to a story line in his TV format. "I told them okay. Dose writers got brains so I give 'em credit but don't forget Durante knows sometin' about laffs too. I'll stick to de story, but I'm wranin', don't make it quiet. When people see Durante, they wanna hear lots of noise."

With that he sat down at the piano again and improvised some of the best barrelhouse piano I ever heard.

"How d'ya like dat? I don't even know what I'm playing." Then he said, "Here's a song I wrote." As he went into "I Can Do Without Broadway But Can Broadway Do Without Me?" Eddie Jackson picked up a stray golf club instead of his cane, cocked a fedora instead of a top hat. It was snow-time again and the two walked off in the famous Durante walkaway.

Two more people came in the front door. Jimmy greeted them in friendly fashion although it was obvious he couldn't remember their names. He yelled for the cook to fix some corn flakes.

"I got a million boxes of da stuff. I had a cornflakes sponsor last year. I ate da stuff for 30 years before it paid off."

Reluctantly I had to leave. Jimmy walked me to the door. "Why don't you drop in sometime just for laffs?" he smiled. "Ya know, sometime when you don't have to work at interviewin' me."

Friend or Enemy, It's Usually Up to the Wrangler



Bruce Blossat

Most Americans, when they think about the Suez Canal, probably conceive of it as pretty much a British problem, since it has been pictured for so long as the "lifeline" of Britain's empire. But the fact is, the United States and all free peoples have a great stake in the canal.

In the decade since World War II ended, U. S. use of the canal has mounted more than tenfold. A very high percentage of this traffic is represented by the oil import trade which moves north through Suez from the islands of the Persian Gulf and other Middle Eastern points.

What would happen to this and other vital traffic if the canal were ever blocked off was symbolically illustrated recently when a vessel, running this 104-mile course struck a steel structure and temporarily stopped the flow of ships.

Without the canal, all craft ply-

ing between India, the Middle East and the Atlantic ports of the Western Hemisphere, as well as all European destinations, would have to head around the southern tip of Africa.

The cost in time, miles and money would be tremendous, and in an acute moment of free world peril the delay could prove disastrous.

For example, a ship bound from a U. S. New England port to Karachi, India, would have to travel 3500 miles farther, take two weeks longer and put out \$28,000 more in making the passage.

Not too many people around the globe realize that the prized waterway which makes these important savings possible is actually run as a private enterprise, the Suez Canal Company. Both technically and financially, it has a performance record in one of the most efficient operations in modern business history.

Last year, for the 27th time, the company slashed its toll charges. As traffic has climbed from 486 ships in 1870 towards 15,000 in 1954, operating economies have been passed on to the canal's users in the best free enterprise tradition.

Over the years, the company also has made many improvements, especially toward straightening, widening and deepening the channel which cuts a gash through the desert to link the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

Fittingly for a roadway of international importance, the Suez is internationally owned and managed. Britain holds 44 per cent of the company's stock but has only three of the 32 directors. The others represent Egypt, France, The Netherlands and the United States. The firm has an Egyptian charter, with headquarters in Paris and a Parisian director general.

In 1953, this prosperous business is scheduled to wind up its affairs, for then its 99-year concession from the Egyptian government runs out. Whatever happens then—a new concession, management by Egypt itself, or some other arrangement—the United States, Britain and other free powers will be deeply concerned that the Suez Canal not only be kept safe, but functioning as well as it has these 80-odd years.

Investigations Committee Now Under Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate investigations Subcommittee, a center of controversy under leadership of Sen. McCarthy, passed officially Tuesday into the control of the Democrats. It was immediately equipped with what the new chairman, Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), called "fair play" rules to protect witnesses.

The Democrats assumed a majority on the group when McClellan assigned Sen. Ervin (D-N.C.) to serve with him and two other hold-over Democrats, Sens. Jackson (Wash.) and Symington (Mo.).

Republican members are former chairman McCarthy (Wis.) and Sens. Mundt (SD) and Bender (Ohio).

McClellan said the government operations committee, parent of the subcommittee, had adopted unanimously 16 of 17 rules he proposed for the subcommittee. It left until Jan. 25 a decision on the other—a proposal to bar the taking of testimony at one-man hearings. Regardless of whether this is adopted finally, McClellan said, "this chairman will not proceed with the taking of sworn testimony, even without a rule, unless another member is present."

Under McCarthy's chairmanship the rules allowed one-man hearings, and McCarthy's sitting as a one-man subcommittee aroused some hot discussions.

Reader Opinions

Sympathy Is Expressed For Dog Said Stolen

ROSEBURG (AP) — In Friday's, Jan. 14 paper I read with much sympathy about Mrs. Fray's little Pomeranian being stolen. Our family can well understand the sorrow the loss of a family pet can bring. Two years ago, sportsmenlike hunters stole our four-year-old English Cocker. He was a much loved member of our family and had saved my little girl from drowning when she was only two years old. Words can't express how we felt.

We have a seven-foot fence around our yard to keep our children and pets safe. I have always been in agreement with the law that dogs should not run loose. Not only because of damage to others yards and gardens but my pets are too valuable to me. I do not want them exposed to the danger of cars on the street.

Now another problem to me more serious causing constant harassment is broken glass and poison thrown over our fence. I reported the poisoning of my Weimaraner, Heidi, to the police the first part of December. This is not the first poisoning in this block on Mill Street. There has never been an investigation or inquiry made. Perhaps if I had reported a \$500 personal property loss or damage there would be more interest shown.

While my two girls are of an age where I hope they would not be endangered, I have a sixteen-month-old baby boy that could easily pick things up as my mother knows. A dog poisoning would then become a murder.

The World Magazine has a standing reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this most malicious and cowardly act. I will personally add \$50.00 to the \$50.00 they offer for information about the party or parties that have been throwing poison into my yard.

I have always licensed my pets and kept them up. I think it's about time conscientious dog owners had a little cooperation and protection.

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Action On Anti-Picketing Measure To Be Delayed

SALEM (AP) — The Senate Labor and Industries Committee decided Tuesday to take no action on the 1953 anti-picketing law until the state Supreme Court decides whether it is constitutional.

Sen. George Ulett, Coquille, chairman of the committee, estimated it probably would take about a month for the court to rule.

The 1953 law prohibits picketing by any persons unless they are recognized bargaining agents.

The Supreme Court heard last week an appeal from a Lane County Circuit Court decision that the law is unconstitutional.

A bill to repeal the law was introduced when the Legislature opened Jan. 10.

The committee also decided to hold public hearings on bills to grant women the same pay as men get, when they perform men's work; and to extend unemployment insurance to employees who work in plants hiring fewer than four persons. No dates were set.

CHAINS REQUIRED
SALEM (AP) — Chains are required over Siskiyou Summit on the Pacific Highway, and on the summit of the Green Springs Highway, the Oregon Highway Commission said Tuesday.

Motorists were advised to carry chains at Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs Junction, Prospect, Santiam Pass, Bly, Meacham, Austin, Seneca and Burns. Icy spots were reported at many points.

McKay Advises GOP To Begin Campaign Now

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay says the Republican Party must start now to campaign for a Republican ticket in 1956 because "tomorrow may be too late."

Carryover Funds To Supplement BPA Construction

PORTLAND (AP) — The \$16,456,000 which President Eisenhower proposed for Bonneville Power Administration construction in the coming fiscal year will be supplemented by \$10,181,000 in carryover funds, Administrator William Pearl reported this week.

The total of \$26,637,000 is \$2,610,348 under the appropriation for construction of transmission facilities this year, Pearl said.

The President's budget proposed \$8,850,000 for operation and maintenance. That is about a half million more than was appropriated this year.

Pearl listed the major projects for the coming year as: (1) an increase in transformer capacity at Snohomish substation, (2) a 345,000-volt line from Big Eddy to Bethany to carry power from the Dalles to the Portland area, (3) a 230,000-volt line between Alvey and Reston to complete network additions for the Coos Bay area, (4) a second 115,000-volt line from Olympia to Aberdeen, (5) a new substation at Pelican Horn near Moses Lake, and (6) a second 115,000-volt line between Bethany and Forest Grove in Oregon.

Funds requested for major Pacific Northwest grid additions include Chief Joseph-Snohomish No. 3 and Chief Joseph-Covington No. 1, \$7,780,000; Lower Olympic Peninsula service, \$1,728,000; Snohomish substation additions, \$790,000; The Dalles area service, \$2,788,000; McNary substation, \$310,000; McNary-Ross, \$705,000; South-east Portland area service, \$2,064,000; Ross-St. Johns-Bethany, \$1,055,000; Upper Willamette Valley service, \$463,000; Oregon City-Chemawa, \$169,000; Big Eddy-Bethany, \$100,000; Coos Bay area service, \$645,000; Alvey-Reston, \$1,464,000; McNary-Franklin-McNary-Walla Walla, \$1,237,000; Spokane area service, \$450,000; Hot Springs-Spokane No. 1, \$11,000; System reactive facilities, \$319,000; and main system neutral boosters, \$127,000.

General system facilities include general structures and improvements, \$231,000; communication facilities, \$355,000; tools and equipment, \$500,000; preliminary engineering studies, \$50,000; and portable emergency transformers, \$52,000.

Korean Fanatic Threatens U. S. Army General

By MURRAY FROMSON

SEOUL (AP) — A Korean fanatic Tuesday burst into a top secret military conference and threatened Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor with a pistol before being seized, a reliable source said Wednesday.

The informant, who cannot be named, said the incident occurred at Taegu, in southeast Korea, where the U. S. Far East Army commander was in consultation with Gen. Chung Il Kwon, chief of staff of the South Korean army.

The fanatic drew a pistol and pointed it at Taylor but before he could pull the trigger South Korean army guards leaped upon him and disarmed him, the informant said.

Sources at Taegu said the Korean, who was in the uniform of a South Korean officer, was being questioned by Korean police.

Taylor flew on to Seoul later in the day. Large forces of guards were at the airport, and observers said Taylor appeared shaken as he stepped from the plane.

A U. S. 8th Army spokesman refused to comment on the report. Korean officials were not immediately available.

Reynolds To Construct New Aluminum Plant

PORTLAND (AP) — An official of the Reynolds Metals Co. announced here that his firm plans to build an aluminum fabricating plant in the Pacific Northwest.

The announcement was to have been made here by Richard S. Reynolds Jr., president of the firm, but he was hospitalized with an illness which an associate said was "nothing alarming."

So, his speech to the Portland Chamber of Commerce was read by John H. Krey, assistant to the president.

The plant, which Krey said would be "sizeable," may be located near the Reynolds aluminum reduction plant at Troutdale, just east of here. It has not yet been determined what product will be made, he said.

Construction is to begin some time this year, Krey added.

Western Washington AFL Members Settle

SEATTLE (AP) — Some 15,000 AFL lumber workers in Western Washington will receive the 7 1/2-cent hourly wage increase recommended last month by the Governors' Fact-Finding Panel under an agreement announced here Monday.

The Puget Sound Council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers and the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee said a deadlock over continuing study of labor relations was settled and the agreement would run through Jan. 1, 1956.

Union president Earl Hartley and LIRC Secretary Walter Durham Jr. said in a separate memorandum the groups will meet later to "explore ways of improving negotiating procedures," a stumbling block to final settlement of the dispute.

The cabinet officer told the Women's National Republican Club Monday that the Eisenhower administration has done "a remarkable job" in government. In listing its achievements, he said it had cut taxes, reduced federal spending, improved services and attained peace, "uneasy as it may be."

But, McKay said, the administration has done "a poor job in selling itself to the public."

The secretary, answering opposition charges of an Interior Department "giveaway" of public power resources, said he favors private power development and sees no reason why the federal government should "develop all the power for all the people in the United States."

"The philosophy of the Department of the Interior is one of trust and confidence in private enter-

prise; we're not against business because it is big so long as it is honest," he added.

McKay said he is opposed to monopoly, but the "worst kind of monopoly is federal monopoly" because it involves politics and bureaucratic control. He added: "We can clip the wings of private enterprise when it does not behave."

SEEKS CENSORSHIP

SALEM (AP) — Sen. John Merrifield, Portland, said Tuesday he would introduce a bill to ban comic books dealing with sex and crime.

He said he would sponsor the bill as soon as he receives copies of similar legislation introduced in the Washington state Legislature.

Merrifield said he didn't know yet whether he would ask for a statewide ban on such books, or whether to let cities do the enforcing.

Paid Advertisement

The Evolution Of Electric Heat

Ordinary electric heat has changed very little in the course of the past decade. The very first electrical heating units were small and inadequate. Their sole purpose was to supply supplementary or auxiliary heat.

The small heater served its purpose to a certain degree and produced warmth if you stood or sat close enough to it. The unit was certainly not eye-appealing, not very safe—and it was necessary to have cords and wires strung about in order to place the concentrated heat where it was most needed.

With the expansion of power facilities and the reduction of power rates, electric heat became more practical and engineers and sales organizations decided there was a ready market for electric home heating with very few changes in the original idea.

The small old-fashioned unit was redesigned, coil sizes were increased, rheostats were added and units were recessed in the wall to eliminate wires and cords visible to the home owner. In some instances fans were added. The results were quite exciting, for here was a method of convection heat by electricity that would allow the home owner to replace other methods of convection heating and enjoy the cleanliness of electricity.

As the desirability of electric heat increased, engineers who were not yet satisfied with the danger of glowing wires and the inefficiency of heating by electric convection, decided to do something about it. Using nature's own radiant system, the Sun, for a pattern, they went to work.

The outcome was CONTINENTAL R-A-D-ENT GLASSHEAT, a safe, sure, dependable electric heating system that banishes forever, dirt, fire hazards, fan noises and unsightly wiring.

Convection electric heating has now been outmoded by radiant electric heating. CONTINENTAL R-A-D-ENT GLASSHEAT emits rays of heat energy on 160 degree angles that blanket and saturate the home, ensuring body comfort at living levels. No longer is it necessary to heat the ceiling first before comfort is obtained where it is desired. Now, only in CONTINENTAL R-A-D-ENT GLASSHEAT can you get the electric heat you want with all the undesirable factors eliminated. GLASSHEAT is odorless, safe, dirt-free and healthful!

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