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BAD NEWS COMING UP

Charles V. Stanton

Robert Aufderheide, former supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, now residing in Eugene as supervisor of the Willamette Forest, gave Lane County residents some bad news recently.

Speaking before the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Aufderheide told his Lane County audience that the timber industry in that county is starting a decline. Timber has been removed too fast, he said, and a reduction in cut must be accomplished.

Aufderheide's report, of course, was not news to his audience. Lane County people have been aware for a long time that their timber industry was on the downgrade. Business interests have been frightened.

Eugene in recent years has claimed to be the "Lumber Capital of the Nation." Roseburg listed itself as the timber capital. Douglas County had more timber, while Lane County was producing more lumber.

But Douglas County's lumber production now exceeds that of Lane County. Eugene no longer can claim to be the lumber capital, for the title for both timber and lumber has passed to Douglas County.

Business circles in Lane County naturally are disturbed by the industrial decline. Some observers are decidedly pessimistic concerning the future. Yet much new business is entering the Eugene area, which would indicate that large investors are not worried.

Income Probably Will Gain

Lane County undoubtedly will follow the same pattern as other lumber producing areas of the country. It has passed the peak of its primary manufacturing stage. For a brief time industrial activity will diminish. But operators, now restricted in the amount of raw material available, will soon develop methods of secondary manufacture profitably utilizing the limited material supply to which they have access.

Primary manufacture is long in profits. Secondary manufacture normally results in less profit to the operator, but creates more jobs. Secondary manufacture is more stable, is less susceptible to market fluctuations, pays higher wages for skilled workers and, in the long run, is more beneficial to the community.

The State of Washington, for example, lost the lead in lumber production to Oregon in 1927. Washington took a beating for a few years. Then it developed secondary manufacturing processes. Today, although it uses only about one-third as much raw material as is consumed in Oregon, it has a much higher income from its diminished timber resource, because of its higher scale of utilization.

Secondary manufacture already has gained considerable headway in Lane County. Under pressure of decreasing economy, Lane County business leaders will devote more energy to encouraging additional secondary uses. Within a few years Lane County may be expected to be far ahead of Douglas County in rate of income from the timber industry, although using much less material.

Douglas Has Opportunity

It will not be many years until someone in authority will be breaking the sad news to a Douglas County audience that it has passed the peak of primary manufacture. We already have made far too heavy inroads on our private timber supply. We are cutting millions of feet of private timber that has just reached its most productive stage; timber that should be left to grow for another 40 or 50 years. At the same time mature, overripe and decadent timber, as well as millions of feet of fire-damaged and diseased old-growth timber, is being lost because of inadequate access.

Douglas County could avoid the slump experienced in the past in nearly all other timber producing areas if it would tackle the problem. It won't. We'll undoubtedly go through the same cycle.

But if our industrial leaders would get together, set up a perpetual cutting pattern, pool resources to form concerns of financial strength to achieve utilization, and thereby develop secondary manufacture side by side with primary manufacture, limited to allowable sustained yield cut, we would escape the slump traditional to the industry. Don't expect it to be done. But the opportunity is present.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — He sat there—the man across the luncheon table — small, dark-eyed, polite talking, with a whip in his mind.

The whip is the one with which he lashes mankind and himself for failing to dream as big as people can, and for not attaining the dreams they do have.

Asked when he was most happy in his life, William Faulkner, student of failure and recent Pulitzer Prize winner, started off:

"Success comes too easy in this country. There are many ways to make money and they all spell success."

Faulkner may appear to some as the intellectual "Mickey Spillane. But his reverence is for a man like Thomas Wolfe, whom he calls the most magnificent failure of his generation, because "he tried to do more than flesh and blood could do; he tried to reduce the human heart into a paragraph."

"We measure greatness by the distance between the dream and the failure. We all fail. None of us match the dream."

Faulkner, who is a small man with obviously fastidious tastes, grew up with physical and literary giants, such as Wolfe and Hemingway.

In our generation we were all failures. Myself, Dos Passos, Hemingway, Wolfe, Wolfe was the finest failure."

Faulkner, when asked how many books he has written, gives a vague answer.

"Somewhere between 18 and 22, probably 20."

When asked how many books he has sold, he says he doesn't know but is going to ask his publisher about those things.

Faulkner is an extremely deliberate craftsman. Among other things, he has delivered the plot lines for 12 movies. The latest is "Land of the Pharaohs," a Warner Brothers picture.

After winning the Nobel Prize for literature, he was given the Pulitzer award this year for his novel, "A Fable." This rather surprised him, since it was published a year before.

Faulkner, one of the most successful writers in America, has an outspoken antipathy for the bare bones of success.

Reader Opinions

Trimming Of School Budget Draws Support

ROSEBURG — I hope that no one, who is honestly interested in School District 4 and the education of its children, will neglect to read the open letter on page 8 of Monday's News-Review. I commend those good citizens who published it, for it is the sentiments many parents would voice if they were able to express them.

The past few weeks I have heard youngsters say they had been told that they would be going to school half days next year, and have to go 12 months in order to get an education. Such things as band, sports, hot lunches, and even bus transportation would be supposedly non-existent, unless the budget passes. This business of using children to spread propaganda is so unlike our American Way, in fact we abhor that very thing in the Communist countries. How can we tolerate it here?

No good citizen would object to higher taxes if it were proven absolutely necessary in order to properly educate our youth. But, I agree with the above mentioned letter, there are some things not necessary, and too many highly paid executives could be one of them.

I have often wondered why the teaching staff of the schools, especially the smaller ones, is not planned so that each school is provided with at least one teacher who is trained to teach music, one for sports, one for art, etc. This way each school could provide a complete program without waiting for the coordinators who sometimes do not appear at the assigned time.

We do want our children to be well educated. I am glad the time has come when someone will openly suggest ways of eliminating unnecessary expenditures of the money allotted for that purpose.

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KP Girls Drum Corps Expresses Appreciation

ROSEBURG — The Knights of Pythias Girls Drum & Bugle Corps and director wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their wonderful support given us at our swiss steak dinner Friday evening, May 6.

Your support will assure our participation in the 1955 pre-Festival Parade on June 11 at Portland. You may be sure we will do our best and will be thinking of you in June in hope we will again be able to bring home first place.

KP Drum & Bugle Corps Girls, Director Bill Black and the Drum Corps Committee of Alpha Lodge 47, Knights of Pythias.

Air Force Puts Emphasis Upon Defense Tactics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has placed new emphasis on the buildup of North American air defenses, and has eased up a bit on the further development of its long range striking arm.

But an Air Force spokesman deprecated Thursday reports that there is a growing, intense rivalry between the Continental Air Defense Command with headquarters at Colorado Springs, and the Strategic Air Command at Omaha.

The Defense Department budget does not break down the appropriations for the various Air Force commands.

Roger Lewis, Air Force assistant secretary for material, said in recent testimony before a House appropriations subcommittee:

"As we take long strides in the provisioning of weapons for our strategic striking forces, we become ever more conscious of our needs for improved air defense."

One informed source said ADC has been given a proportionately greater share of the budget, in planning for the next two fiscal years, while SAC has, proportionately, a somewhat reduced share.

Aluminum Co. Won't Renew Murrow Contract

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Aluminum Co. of America announced Wednesday it will not renew a contract with Columbia Broadcasting System to sponsor Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" television program.

The final "See It Now" program sponsored by Alcoa will be July 3, the company said.

Alcoa said a new advertising and sales promotion program prompted the decision. The company has no definite television plans, it said.

Murrow's program has been sponsored by Alcoa since December, 1951.

"Doing nothing — sitting down and vegetating — is no good unless you can make it an actual occupation."

"There are people who can do without a job in this world and stay healthy, but they have to be used to it."

Asked what was his greater pleasure in life now, Faulkner replied:

"Thinking up an idea for a book before I realize this one really isn't going to be as good as I want it to be, either."

"This time you say I'll catch the answer to the whole riddle — why man is here — put it down in black and white so everyone can see it and understand. Before you can do this, you break the pencil and throw it away."

From the way he talks, you might get the idea he Mississippi farm is strewn with broken pencils — until you take a look at that book list.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Rural Electrification Administration celebrates its 20th birthday May 11, at the start of a big fight within the Eisenhower administration to change completely REA's method of doing business.

There is no argument about REA having done the job it was supposed to do. Since private power companies were dragging their feet on rural electrification, this New Deal agency was created to speed up the process. Today 97 per cent of all U.S. farms are electrified, and 54 per cent of this was financed by REA loans.

In addition, under another program authorized in 1949, REA has lent 80 million dollars and authorized loans for another 100 million dollars to 150 local telephone companies to help bring phone service to a million rural homes.

REA OPERATIONS have unquestionably helped increase U.S. farm production as well as to bring labor-saving conveniences to farm wives. But this has been done at a price.

Over the past 20 years the U.S. taxpayers have had to pick up the tab for 85 million dollars as the administrative costs of REA. This cost now runs close to eight million dollars a year and it's growing, naturally.

There is an argument over whether REA has lost or made money, or just broken even.

REA is required by law to lend its money interest free for the first five years, then two per cent a year.

REA GETS THIS MONEY from the U.S. Treasury. The Treasury pays one and a fraction per cent interest for its short-term money and up to three per cent long-term. The average is just under two per cent. On this basis, REA breaks even.

But since all of REA loans are for 20 and 30 years, on this long-

term basis REA gets an interest subsidy of one per cent for its customers. Over 20 years this can be computed as a cost or loss of 500 million dollars or more.

It is on this basis that a task force of ex-President Herbert Hoover's Commission on Government Organization has recommended that REA be converted into a government corporation and put on a self-supporting basis.

This recommendation has run into powerful opposition. As every congressman knows, the REA cop is a potent political force in any rural area.

Also, NRECA — the National Rural Electric Cooperatives' Assn., whose general manager is ex-Congressman Clyde Ellis of Arkansas, is one of the strongest lobbies in Washington.

ELLIS RECENTLY WROTE all congressmen to charge that the Hoover report "reeks with falsehoods and misstatements and power company propaganda." He says the Hoover recommendations would double REA credit costs. He has demanded that Congress deny further funds to the Hoover commission.

Congress obviously won't do any such thing. But there is no assurance whatever that Congress will go along with all of the Hoover recommendations.

There is no question at all about the possibilities for future growth of the REA system. A recent survey of its co-ops' expansion needs for the next five years indicates 845 million dollars' worth of new construction planned. This will require an estimated 635 million dollars in new loans.

The big question as REA starts its 21st year as a big and growing boy is whether Congress will continue to support it in the liberal style it was raised, or whether it will be turned loose to make its own way in the cruel world of private business competition.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Public Health Service Thursday reported 149 new polio cases for last week, 2 more than the count for the week before and up by 5 from the number in the corresponding week a year ago.

For the year, up to May 7, the report shows 1,601 cases, compared to 2,120 in the same part of 1954.

The weekly tabulation of communicable diseases lists all cases of polio reported by state health officers. It is separate from the special listing of polio cases among persons inoculated with the new Salk vaccine this year.

The latter list, issued shortly after the weekly report, boosted the total cases among vaccinated persons to 64, up 2 from Wednesday.

Fifty-nine were paralytic. It included a second Pennsylvania case. Both the cases from that state, the Health Service said, followed injection of vaccine made by Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, Pa. A breakdown of the other cases showed 32 after use of the product of Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., and 10 after injection of vaccine made by Eli Lilly Co. of Indianapolis.

Five deaths have occurred among those vaccinated. Three have been in Idaho.

McKessen & Robbins Will Close Struck Plant

NEWARK, N. J. (AP) — McKessen & Robbins, Inc., has decided to shut down its plant here which has been idled by a strike since March 24.

The company said the closedown is caused by demands of AFL leaders which "made it impossible to operate with the efficiency of economy necessary to render our service to the company's customers."

Closing of the plant, a spokesman said, means the loss of jobs for about 200 persons with an annual payroll of \$700,000.

The plant here had operated for 60 years.

Exploding Rockets Kill 3 Canadian Civilians

VALCARTIER, Que. (AP) — Three civilians, including a girl, 16, were killed and another injured Thursday by explosion of a rocket-type bomb at this army base 15 miles north of Quebec.

They were reported to have been collecting exploded bomb cases at the rear of the army base for the reuse of the copper when they encountered a live bomb which went off in their hands.

The victims were Paul Odillon Daigle, 25, Marie-Claire Daigle, 16, and Adrian Labranche, 21. Mrs. Daigle was severely wounded by the blast, but dragged herself for two miles to obtain help.

Cattlemen To Ask Hearing To Create Beef Commission

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon Cattlemen's Assn. will petition the State Department of Agriculture soon to hold hearings, then a referendum, on a proposal to create a beef commission.

Delegates to the annual association meeting voted Wednesday for the commission, which would take over promotion and legislative activities for cattlemen.

It would be financed by a tax on each of the million cattle on the state's tax rolls. The maximum tax would be 5 cents a head. At the start, however, sponsors plan a 2 1/2-cent tax.

This would raise \$25,000 a year for the seven-man commission, to be appointed by the governor.

Any cattle raiser with 10 or more cattle will be eligible to vote in the proposed referendum.

There was no debate and only two dissenting votes when the proposal was passed at the meeting.

There also were a number of resolutions passed, only one causing debate. That was a proposal for an either-sex deer and elk hunting season to cut the numbers of big game. It met defeat, speakers urging cooperation with state authorities in areas where game animals become a problem.

Elected president for the coming year was Garland Meador, Prairie City. George Russell, Vale, was named first vice president. Regional vice presidents named were: Ken Magruder, Clatskanie; Sam Demont, Myrtle Point; Don Hotchkins, Lakeview; Paul Muller, Warrenton; and Irvin Mann Jr., Stanfield.

Next year's convention will be at Bend.

Hagerty Lifts Ban Put On Reporters Visiting Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, lifted a day-old ban against reporters visiting President Eisenhower's office.

"I apparently blew my top Wednesday," Hagerty said with a grin. "I am entitled to blow my top once in a while, but let's forget it."

In reply to a question, he added with another grin that the ban was lifted "unless I blow my top again."

Hagerty said Wednesday reporters would be banned from Eisenhower's office because they overheard a conversation there between the President and Secretary of Welfare Hobby.

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