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SECONDARY RESOURCE

Charles V. Stanton

How often have you heard some local pessimist proclaiming that Douglas County has passed the peak of industrial growth and that we'll soon be in the middle of a depression?

If you get around, you run across one of those guys at quite frequent intervals.

Douglas County will eventually level off on primary manufacture, but so far we have barely scratched the surface of our timber resource.

We are overcutting our Douglas fir on private lands. Yet the combined cut from all our sawmills could be maintained indefinitely at present level, provided the cut was to be properly balanced between public and private resources.

But Douglas fir is only one of the many timber species available in Douglas County. We have thousands of acres of other types of trees offering industrial opportunity. Eventually they will become valuable.

Utilization Studied

Recently I had a most pleasant experience while tagging along on an inspection trip into the Umpqua National Forest with J. Herbert Stone, regional forester; Vondis Miller, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, and others.

The conversation turned to probable uses of so-called "weed" trees.

Douglas County has a great abundance of madrone and various species of oak. They grow rapidly and on poor soil. Our hillsides, particularly in agricultural areas, carry great numbers of these trees.

Many processes already exist for profitable use of madrone, scrub oak, and other such trees. Yet we have no market for them in Douglas County. On high levels we have acres upon acres of jackpine. Jackpine has many uses, but nothing is being done with it, at least on any large scale, in Oregon.

A resident of Lane County, we were told by Lloyd Hayes, has developed a very profitable small business with a charcoal oven. He uses the scrub trees of the area for his material supply.

Madrone and scrub oak provide excellent charcoal. Charcoal is in great demand. There is a ready market. Charcoal production could supply at least one small industry for Douglas County.

Another forthcoming use of these trees, which now grow like weeds throughout the county, is in production of pulp.

A meeting was held in Seattle last Saturday for the purpose of organizing the Northwest Hardwood Association. Membership is proposed for Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

One of the purposes of this organization will be research into the use of hardwoods for pulping. Representatives of larger paper-pulp companies were present.

Land Owners Will Benefit

Jackpine, which grows in profusion along the summit of the Cascades, also is excellent for pulping. Extensive experiments are being made by the Forest Service Wood Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis., into various uses for jackpine.

The coming era of chemical utilization of wood fiber will make trees, now considered useless, quite valuable. When processes for utilization of hardwoods reach Douglas County, private land owners will have outlet for a profitable "crop."

Madrone and scrub oak grow rapidly. They thrive on hill land. They are hardy and have few disease problems.

Farmers, with woodlots of these scrub trees, will be able to harvest their wood crop at a time when little other work requires attention. Cutting and hauling cord wood for pulping will become an important business on many farms.

But not all these trees will go to pulp mills. Eventually we undoubtedly will have hardwood mills able to utilize a large volume of the better grade of trees for production of stock for furniture, panels, trim, novelties, etc.

So, even though we may take off the cream from our Douglas fir resource, we still have an abundance of wood of other species, sufficient to support a big industry.

Tell that to the next pessimist you find crying about the future!

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Imagine how your dear old Mom would feel if a stranger suddenly hauled off and gave her a black eye on Mother's Day.

Hurt? Bewildered? Angry?

Well, this is how the canned hamburger industry feels today. Here its members were, quietly observing National Canned Hamburger Month, and what happens? The Hoover Commission spoils the whole family celebration by reporting that the U.S. Navy has stockpiled a 60-year supply of canned hamburgers.

The resulting hullabaloo calmed down after Navy officials, and President Eisenhower pointed out the difference between peacetime supplies and emergency wartime needs. (Troops consume little canned meat in barracks, but use vast amounts on maneuvers or in combat.)

But the canned hamburger people are far from mollified. They feel National Canned Hamburger Month has been ruined—and that they have a legitimate beef.

The Hoover Commission has put an onus on our industry," said Gene Garvin, executive vice president of the Clardice Meat Co., which helped develop the canned hamburger for the armed forces a dozen years ago.

"My experience with the armed forces for 15 years is that they

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the field of quasi-scientific fiction. He called it From the Earth to the Moon.

That was TOO much. People read it, and enjoyed it, but laughed.

We haven't made it to the moon yet. But we're talking seriously of launching platforms into outer space. These platforms, it is conceived, will become earth satellites.

From them, we might launch guided missiles against our enemies.

There is already speculation as to what might happen to US if the Russians did it FIRST.

The world moves, doesn't it?

Toward WHAT is it moving? That I wouldn't know.

Toward something better, I hope.

But I'm pretty certain that unless human beings devote more thought and study to the techniques of GETTING ALONG WITH EACH OTHER the world will be in danger of getting worse rather than better.

Pope Pius makes an interesting statement this morning.

Speaking to an aeronautical assembly in Rome, he says man's desire to conquer space comes from a deeper urge than that of breaking records or proving the excellence of varied aircraft materials.

He says the modern aviator is driven by the desire of man to surpass himself. To find in his soul new springs of GENEROSITY and heroism.

I hope he's right.

Saturday was Armed Forces Day, and all over our nation parades and displays of our latest weapons keyed the observance of Armed Forces Day to the theme of Peace through Power.

How are we to reconcile these displays of armed might with our need to learn better techniques of getting along with each other?

Well, the world moves rather slowly. Until we DO learn these techniques of getting along with each other we'll have to stay prepared to fight at the drop of a hat if somebody attempts to destroy us.

That's about the long and the short of it.

Idaho Calls Off Mass Antipolio Vaccine Program

BOISE (AP)—The Idaho State Health Department announced here it had "indefinitely" postponed its mass antipolio vaccination program. It added it would not accept any shipments of Salk vaccine for the time being.

The department said the medical advisory committee of the Idaho Polio Planning Committee "believes that any further polio vaccinations during this period should be the responsibility of individual physicians and the families who may desire to complete the immunization program."

Saying "we have in Idaho an unknown and serious problem," Health Director L. J. Peterson said the department was accepting the recommendations of the committee made at a meeting Thursday night.

Peterson said Dr. Jonas E. Salk, discoverer of the vaccine, would be invited to Idaho to investigate the polio situation.

Peterson also announced that a 4-year-old Caldwell boy in a Boise hospital had been confirmed as a polio victim. The department was trying to ascertain whether he had been a close associate of vaccinated children.

The new case brought Idaho's polio total for the year to 43. Seventeen of the previous victims were children who received the Salk vaccine and 13 were close associates of vaccinated children. The other 13 had no apparent connection with the vaccine.

Student Wins Privilege Of Rejecting Fortune

NEW YORK (AP)—A Yale University senior who says he has "two hands and a head" of his own has won the right to reject \$400,000 left to him by his father.

Surrogate William T. Collins here has upheld the decision of Eugene F. Sullivan Jr., 22, of New York, to renounce the fortune. Trustees of the fund had opposed his action on grounds it would destroy the trust.

The young man, son of a millionaire inventor and machinery manufacturer who died in 1943, has no other source of income.

But he told the trustees of the estate acceptance of the fund would violate his "moral and political" principles.

the all-beef hamburger has to compete with 113 uncleaned kinds of "sham" burgers.

"They include shrimpburgers, cheeseburgers, nutburgers, chickenburgers, steerburgers, chowburgers. When a man asks for a plain old-fashioned hamburger, few people even know what he wants."

The hope of the people who launched National Canned Hamburger Month was to alert the public to the growing deterioration of "the true hamburger."

No great fireworks displays were planned, no booming of guns, no parade up Fifth Avenue. But it was expected that a national canned hamburger beauty queen would be picked—naturally. Here and there loyal friends also had arranged to meet and drink a toast to the all-beef hamburger, and maybe pass the quiet suggestion around, from mouth to mouth, that the surest place for a hungry man to find one today is in a can.

Have all these hopes been shattered? Is National Canned Hamburger Month a complete bust? No, indeed. Amid the gathering gloom has shot a sudden bright ray.

"The Army has asked for bids on 1,000,000 more cans of hamburgers," said Garvin. "The bidding date is Tuesday."

Reader Opinions

Support For Developing Chetco Harbor Requested

BROOKINGS (To The Editor) I am writing this letter to you as the chairman of a committee of citizens of southern Curry County. I believe we are a group of people over here who, if you asked us for assistance, would be pleased to give it to you. We are people who are trying to make a living and doing the best we can.

Some 15 years ago a development at the mouth of the Chetco River at Brookings was recommended and approved by the Corps of U. S. Army Engineers. This proposition was presented to Congress but during the intervening years nothing was done about it. The matter is now before Congress to secure an appropriation to construct the Chetco project.

This project calls for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the river. Therefrom it is proposed that a haven for commercial and sports fishing boats and other small ocean going craft be constructed in the river basin. If this can be accomplished, it means a great deal to us who live in this area and to every citizen in the State of Oregon. It will create a recreational area which may be enjoyed by all of us and it will open up offshore ocean fishing upon the best fishing waters along the West Coast.

This development is proposed to be constructed and then turned over to the people for their free use. Will you please permit us to ask that you give us a helping hand by publicizing our efforts and what we are trying to accomplish therefrom, as above stated. If your readers will write a letter to me endorsing and approving the Chetco development, we who live in southern Curry County shall be most grateful to you.

WILSON FREEMAN, Chairman Citizens Committee Brookings, Oregon

Littering Of Highways Decried By Writer

ROSEBURG — I would like to submit to the reading public a quotation from an editorial which appeared in the January 22, 1955 issue of the Saturday Evening Post:

"America spends some \$30,000,000 a year to pick up trash and litter which is strewn over the countryside by our irresponsible tourists. While forty-three states have anti-litter laws on the books, only seven reported progress in punishing the strowers."

"Recently 23 companies which manufacture beer, beer cans, bottles, soft drinks, chewing gum, cigarettes and other products set up an educational fund of \$400,000. The sum is in the hands of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization which is waging an uphill fight against the untidy citizens who toss their garbage out of the windows instead of disposing of it in an orderly manner. It is estimated that some 20,000,000 Americans who have good garbage manners at home think nothing of turning the countryside into a refuse heap. People who would never think of flipping

an empty can or cigarette butt on their rugs or into their yards do this automatically in our great national parks and on the highways and streets.

"Among other suggestions, Keep America Beautiful, Inc. urges motorists to carry a paper bag which can hang on the inside door handle of an automobile. These bags are easily disposable at home or in a roadside receptacle. Several oil companies are enlisting their service men to hand out the bags to their customers, and a noticeable decline in untidy landscapes is reported. The Automobile Association is sponsoring a similar device."

"If everybody who dislikes wading up to his ankles in litter took charge of his own trash, there wouldn't be a problem calling for laws, anti-litter campaigns or expensive state programs to pick up bottles and cartons after our slovenly citizens."

The above editorial reviews a situation brought to our attention several times during the last year by our own and other newspapers, radio programs and magazine articles. Apparently there is a great deal of feeling toward the destruction of the Litterbug menace.

The local Garden Clubs, the Umpqua District, and the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs are banding together with the help of all interested citizens to try and do what we can to eradicate the expensive and unsightly messes made by Litterbugs in our towns, countryside, and on our highways.

Won't each of you help? MRS. ROBERT D. DORSEY Member: Roseburg Town and Country Garden Club.

Most Teen-Agers Aren't Delinquents, Says Student

ROSEBURG — I would like to reach the readers through the "Letters to the Editor" column of your paper so that there can be more understanding between the townspeople and the teen-agers. There are many people in Roseburg who think that juvenile delinquency is very prevalent in our town. If more of the townspeople would take an interest in helping us create activities it could be greatly combated.

Take for example the splendid job the JC's did for us in making the night of the Junior-Senior prom a huge success. After the prom was crowned and the dance itself was over, we were invited to attend a movie at the Indian Theatre, which was excellent and everyone enjoyed it. Next we went to the Elks Club to dance and be entertained by Mandrake the Magician. When that was over we were treated to a delicious breakfast at the Eagles.

I might add that during the course of the evening everything was well attended and hardly anyone dropped out.

We teen-agers realize how hard the JC's worked to entertain us and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks JC's for a swell time.

JERRY DROSCHE Junior Class Pres. Roseburg High School.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—First examination of Russia's latest disarmament proposal shows it to be as full of bugs as a back-yard garden.

This is not something for consideration by the proposed Big Four Conference of the heads of government and their foreign ministers. The Russians propose that their new plan be put into effect by the United Nations General Assembly, which meets next in September.

As a starter, the plan has been presented to the U.N.'s third special disarmament subcommittee now meeting in London.

Basically, this is the same old Russian plan. Its essentials are: Ban the atomic bomb. Abolish all foreign military bases. Then banish all international propaganda for war.

The Russians have modified their position on a few points. Their previous stand has been that all conventional armaments, be reduced by a third. Under that formula, Russia and Red China, with the largest armies, would stay that way.

NOW THE RUSSIANS propose that America, Russia and Red China be allowed a maximum of 1,500,000 men, Britain and France 600,000 each.

This is approximately what Sir Gladwyn Jebb of the U. N. proposed for the western powers in 1952. The Russians turned it down then.

But it is noticeable that under this plan the two Communist powers would have a 3,000,000 man maximum force while the three western permanent Security Council members would have 2,000,000.

The Russian plan would freeze all military budgets and armed forces at figures no higher than on Dec. 31, 1954.

This would mean western Germany would not be rearmed. Also, all foreign forces would be withdrawn from Germany and all military bases on foreign soil would be dismantled. The aim here clearly is to wreck the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In the past the Russians have always insisted on voluntary reporting of armed strength and no census or inspection by international teams of observers. This would be their basis for the first report on armaments, within one month after agreement.

BUT THE RUSSIANS have now swung over at least part way to propose two kinds of inspection. One would be an international commission reporting to the U. N. Security Council on the reduction and destruction of atomic weapons.

Neuberger Says Refusal To Grant Statehood Makes Mockery Out Of Democracy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Refusal to grant statehood to Alaska and Hawaii "makes a mockery of the way we preach to other nations advising them to practice democracy," Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said here.

In a speech prepared for delivery at International Students House, the Oregon senator declared:

"We can talk unctuously about self-rule and local sovereignty but we will be judged by the world according to what we do. We have told Alaska and Hawaii that they can't govern themselves and the world will remember that."

He said that under Canadian standards Alaska probably would be admitted as a full self-governing province without too much trouble. Prince Edward Island, with barely half Alaska's population, is a province.

Neuberger also noted that Canada gives a full voting member of its national Parliament to the Yukon Territory's 10,000 residents, while the United States restricts Alaska's 170,000 population to one non-voting delegate who "sits as a mere spectator when rollcalls are taken in Congress."

By this procedure, he said, "we thus have let Canada put us to shame in the actual practice of freedom and self government."

Neuberger also said he felt "ashamed" one of Oregon's congressmen—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore)—voted in the House recently to send the combined Alaska-Hawaii statehood bill back to committee.

Asserting that Oregon at the time of its admission had less than one-third Alaska's present population and was separated from Minnesota—then the next state eastward—as far as is Alaska from Puget Sound, he declared:

"It's a good thing for Oregon there weren't many 'Ellsworths' in the Congress in 1859 or Oregon might still be Indian territory."

Neuberger said he plans a series of speeches in Oregon after Congress adjourns on the effect of the defeat of Alaska statehood upon the future of the Pacific Northwest.

He said the opposition to statehood "is bound up in ancient prejudices." "It stems from mistrust by opponents of statehood of such racial groups as Indians, Eskimos and Japanese. It stems from the fears of the canned salmon and gold mining industry that they may have to shoulder a fair load of

taxes for schools and social welfare. It stems from the so-called 'political superiority' of congressmen from big Eastern states who never wanted two senators from Oregon or Wyoming and now don't want two senators given to Hawaii or Alaska."

The net result of this opposition, the senator said, is to make "hypocrisy" of this country's urgings to the world about democracy and self-government.

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