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SAFETY CONFERENCE

By Charles V. Stanton

The time lost because of accidents in the timber industry in Oregon amounts to production losses sufficient to provide materials for a six-room house for every family in the interior section of Douglas County.

Workers in woods, mills and transportation, connected with the timber industry in Oregon, lost 654,000 days of work in 1955 because of accidents.

The time lost is the equivalent of hours required for felling, bucking, sawing and finishing 390,000,000 board feet of lumber. That amount of lumber would supply materials for the construction of 12,000 six-room homes, or enough to completely rebuild virtually every residence in the central part of the county—a house for every man, woman and child in the city of Roseburg.

Charles A. Boice, informational representative for the State Industrial Accident Commission, reports that Oregon had 31,110 on-the-job injuries in 1955. Of these accidents 141 resulted in fatalities and 73 in permanent total disability. The average time lost by injured workers was 20 days.

For the United States as a whole, industrial accidents numbered 1,930,000 with 14,200 fatalities, 76,800 permanent disabilities, and an average of 17 days lost by injured workmen.

Safety Conference Slated

A regional industrial safety conference is to be held in Roseburg tomorrow. It will be an all-day affair at the Riverside School.

These regional conferences in Roseburg have had wide acclaim in the past because of the high measure of cooperation between management in labor in preparing and conducting the programs. Prominent and qualified speakers will discuss every phase of safety. Panel discussions will permit contributions from every interested individual to the idea pool for accident prevention.

The conference is open to the public.

Industrial safety is growing in importance in relation to the economics of production. Completely aside from the pain, suffering, lost time, bereavement and other personal factors connected with accidents, lost time from preventable accident affects operating profits.

Industry today is highly mechanized and is growing more so steadily. A faller or buckler in the woods works today with a chain saw. He is able to produce many more logs than in the days when he worked with an axe and a crosscut saw. But he is working with a piece of equipment which costs much more money than the hand tools and which can inflict serious and even fatal injury if carelessly handled.

Great improvements have been made in mill machinery. Much skill is required in the handling of this equipment. A workman is responsible for a machine costing many thousands of dollars. At the same time he is in constant danger of accident should he grow careless. If he must be replaced by a less skillful operator, because of an accident, the rate of production of the whole plant will be affected. Furthermore, a less skillful operator can wreck a costly machine.

Carelessness Criticized

Carelessness is the major cause of accidents. Industrial concerns today place posters in conspicuous positions in an effort to keep workmen mindful of the need for caution. But despite the frequent warnings, it is human nature to grow careless at times.

One of the worst offenders is the practical joker. The National Safety Council recently announced an estimate that "horseplay" during work time causes some 15,000 deaths and injuries each year at an economic loss to industry of about \$15,000,000.

It has been proven that the accident rate can be lowered, as a great majority of accidents are preventable. Constant vigilance, the use of protective devices, proper clothing, etc., have materially reduced accidents in recent years.

Regional conferences, such as the one scheduled in Roseburg tomorrow, are of much influence in keeping attention focused on safety. A new idea introduced at one of these meetings may result in the saving of several lives over the course of a year.

Hal Boyle

BURNSVILLE, N. C. (AP)—The Southern highlands are full of wonderful old ladies with memories as green as a hemlock tree and an outlook on life as durable as an oak. A fine example is Mrs. Julia Wray, who is 86 years old, weighs 185 pounds, and has 17 rocking chairs on her front porch.

Mrs. Wray, who wears her age as lightly as a summer gown, is the queen bee innkeeper of this part of the Blue Ridge Mountains. She operates the Nu-Way Inn, one of the best known hostilities in the hills, with the help of her son, Rush, and daughter-in-law, Jane.

The inn, originally built in 1833, was bought by her father in 1870. In the long years since then Julia grew up, married, raised five children and, in 1932, became a widow. The inn grew, too, from 8 rooms to 40.

A proud-spirited lady with eyes as blue as a mountain sky at noon, Mrs. Wray loves to recall changing times, changing customs, changing prices.

"I first remember when we would put up a man for the night and serve him supper and breakfast—all for a dollar," she said, and added smiling: "Some people even kicked at that. They felt we ought to give them a prize for coming."

Today folks often drive a hundred miles for Mrs. Wray's famous \$2.50 Sunday dinner, served family style. There is no menu—but no lack of choice.

Here is what the guest usually finds on the table: Hickory smoked country ham, chicken and dressing, rice and gravy, garden lettuce wilted down with bacon dressing, buttermilk

biscuits, a salad plate, cole slaw, vine-ripened tomatoes, and—

Green peas, home-baked beans, mashed potatoes with cheese, summer squash, turnip greens, navy beans, corn bread, country butter, apple butter, and—

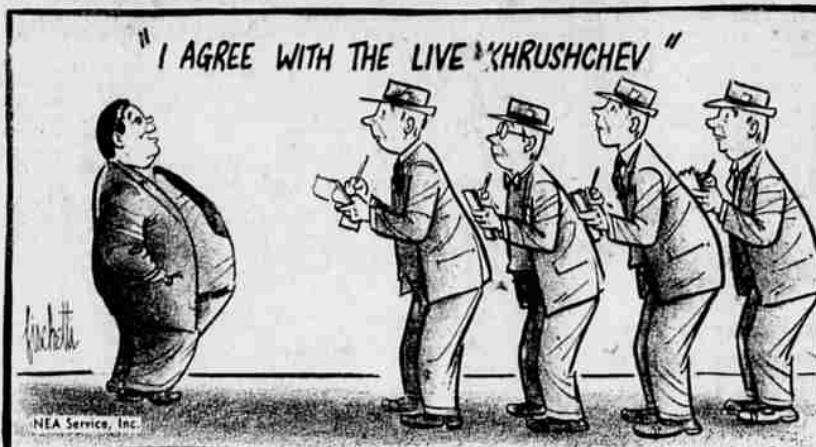
Watermelon rind pickle, chow chow, sourwood honey, blackberry jam, home-made pie, buttermilk, sweet milk, iced tea, coffee, ice cream and fluffy home-made chocolate layer cake.

Guests often make a game of sampling everything on the table, and this pleases Mrs. Wray. "Young people don't look too bad if they're a little thin," she said. "But older people don't look so well unless they have a little flesh on them."

"People used to work harder in the old days. They were out in the open air more, and their stomachs could digest an iron wedge. I don't think people are as healthy and well now as when I was young. We didn't seem to have all these new modern diseases and viruses."

Mrs. Wray has an idea this generation would feel better if it worked harder and worried less. She herself still gets into the kitchen each morning before the help arrives. She puts up hundreds of jars of fresh fruits and vegetables. "I never used store-bought preserves in my life"—and super-

Next, Question



Chemist Tells Of Espionage For Russians Over Years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thomas L. Black, the Newark, N.J., chemist who allegedly recruited Harry Gold into atomic spying, confessed publicly Thursday to his own career of espionage for Russia.

Black swore he spied first because he wanted to, and for nearly

Oil Information Movie Program Planned At Park

The Roseburg Oil Information committee chairman, H. B. Monaghan, announced today that the second of a series of free movie programs will be presented in the Library Park on Rose Street beginning at dusk the evening of Friday, May 25.

The program will be made up of motion pictures of an entertaining and educational nature, he said. Scheduled for showing are four films: "The Story of Colonel Drake," "Alaskan Big Game," "Dancing Silver Spurs," and "Wind and Spray."

V. C. Lomax, who is in charge of the programs, said today that over 100 adults and many children were present at the previous showing in the park the evening of the Torchlight Parade in March, and that public acceptance was so favorable that the Oil Information Committee has decided to continue programs throughout the summer months.

Future programs are scheduled at dusk May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 19 and Sept. 21. Films to be shown will be announced prior to each scheduled program, Lomax reports.

Oregon Supreme Court Accepts Jurisdiction

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon supreme court Thursday accepted jurisdiction in mandamus proceedings brought by Lane County Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn to challenge the legality of the recently empaneled Lane County Grand Jury.

The high court directed issuance of a writ returnable at 10 a. m. next Wednesday.

The proceedings are directed against circuit Judge Frank B. Reid and County Clerk Harry Chase. They now must decide whether to file a demurrer to the action, or oppose it in some other way. Judge Reid empaneled the jury to investigate whether the funds of Moses Moody, penitentiary inmate, had been embezzled. Venn contends the jury was drawn from an illegally compiled list.

MUSEUM PIECE

FOREST GROVE (AP)—A 42-ton geared locomotive which hauled a billion feet of timber for the Stimson Lumber Co. in its 41 years of service, will go to Portland Monday to become part of the permanent exhibit at the Forestry Building.

The locomotive was used on a 25-mile run from the Coast Range to Stimson's mill in Seegons Valley, until rail operations were abandoned in 1930.

vises the smoking and dipping of 300 country cured hams each year. When I asked her the secret of her vigorous serenity at 86, Mrs. Wray looked surprised that anyone should think achieving the age of 86 was in any way remarkable.

"Why I always done my part," she observed mildly, "but I was always the sickly one in my family." Mountain people are instinctively modest and honest. A puzzled expression came over Mrs. Wray's fine, sturdy, time-lined old face as she mentally reviewed her long lifetime to see if she deserved any personal credit for her longevity. She decided she didn't. "Maybe," she remarked, her eyes softening, "I was left here for a purpose I don't understand." In the mountains God always gets his due.

Hatkin Will Get New Federal Job; Secrets Barred

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new Air Force job with no access to official secrets today awaited Sidney Hatkin as the result of a 14-month fight to clear himself of security charges.

Hatkin also will receive more than \$6,000 in back pay under Secret Army of the Air Force Quarles' decision Saturday that it would be in the national interest to assign him as a statistical analyst in a nonsensitive position. Quarles ruled, however, that "it would not be clearly consistent to the interest of national security to retain Mr. Hatkin in the sensitive position to which he had previously been assigned."

Hatkin welcomed his reinstatement as "like coming back from the living dead." His attorney Joseph H. Freehill said he would continue efforts to restore Hatkin to full cleared status so that he may handle "all classified material."

Morse Urges Extension Of Chromite Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—Extension of the government's chromite purchase program until 1961 has been urged by Sen. Morse (D-Ore.).

The request was made in a statement submitted to a Senate Interior subcommittee in support of a bill by himself and Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.). The present program is scheduled to expire June 30, 1957.

Interruption in the incentive program, Morse said, would "have a serious adverse effect" upon chromite production in southwestern Oregon and Northern California.

The senator said world chromite reserves are insufficient to meet the demands of the United States. He cited a forecast by the Bureau of Mines that the United States "must anticipate an increasing need to make use of domestic chromite ore, most of which is located in Oregon, Northern California and Montana."

Bruce Blossat

IT IS GOOD to be reminded that Sir Winston Churchill is still an active citizen of the world and devoting his brilliant mind to the hard quest for peace.

In Aachen, Germany, to be honored for his personal contributions to the cause of European unity, Sir Winston once again put his immense prestige on the side of what he likes to call the "grand alliance" of European nations linked with America and Canada.

Unhappily, he did not promote that unity as actively during his final incumbency as prime minister as he has done while out of that office. But overall his service to the idea of a united Europe—buttressed by the New World—has been distinguished and imaginative.

The coordination of the Western world in such dramatic and unprecedented projects as the Marshall Plan and NATO not only fortified free men against aggressive tyranny but gave them a new notion of how they might work together for the betterment of mankind.

Churchill now suggests that if present Kremlin leaders are really sincere in their anti-Stalin movement they might one day be able to "join the spirit" of the NATO pact. Inasmuch as the letter of that pact makes it a defensive alliance obviously aimed at the Soviet Union, Sir Winston can only have in mind the kind of general spirit of

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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Russians have been badly overextended in trying to enlarge their industry, produce new weapons, cope with a farm problem and develop a foreign aid program. The easiest place they can cut, he thinks, is in military manpower.

He points out that Russia could easily put the million and a quarter men she says she will take out of uniform to work at the job of making nuclear weapons.

He adds: "I'd rather see the Russians standing on guard duty than making atom bombs."

Let's put it this way: The Kremlin big shots have been considerably worried of late by the fact that the Russian standard of living is very low as compared with the American standard of living. It's just possible that some of the Russians who have been visiting us went home and told about what they saw in the way of American creature comforts.

The story might have spread. If it did spread, you can bet your bottom dollar it caused dissatisfaction among the common run of Russians. There has been considerable evidence that the Kremlin moguls have been worried by this dissatisfaction. It is a historic fact that dissatisfaction among the common people worries EVEN DESPOTS.

So—As Dulles suspects—It is probable the Kremlin hopes

by taking a million and a quarter men out of uniform and putting them to work in the factories it can provide more creature comforts for the Russian people and at the same time can make more atom and hydrogen bombs and more guided missiles to carry them to their targets—which will be U.S. If so, it might be able to kill two birds with one stone.

IF—At the same time—Russia could kid us into the belief that she is getting ready to beat her swords into plowshares, thus causing us to LET DOWN in our own military preparations, she would score a tremendous victory. We mustn't permit ourselves to be fooled.

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