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LUMBER FOR DUST BOWL

By Charles V. Stanton

Will current storms and floods in midwestern and southwestern states affect economic conditions in Douglas County?

Gene Pierce, manager of KPIC-TV, has been arousing some interesting conjecture with the above question.

Some of those states are getting their first real rainfall in eight years. For most of the states the storms mark the end of at least five years of drought.

During those five to eight years of dust bowl conditions, crop failures, and continued water shortage, there has been steady migration of people to the Pacific Coast. Douglas County, with an economic boom in progress, welcomed many of these migrants, particularly those from the Dust Bowl.

Lately, however, Douglas County has been suffering an economic depression. While this depressed condition is expected to be only temporary, a considerable number of people have gone elsewhere seeking jobs. Undoubtedly many of them will go back to their former homes, now that the long drought has been broken. They probably will not return to Oregon, particularly if they can resume the occupations from which they came originally.

Although there are exceptions, the great majority of people leaving the county are late comers. The exodus about equals the one-year population growth Douglas County has experienced each year since its boom started in the mid '40s.

May Be Short On Labor

The county has been absorbing between 3,000 and 4,000 people annually. The rate of population gain has been surprisingly uniform.

For almost a full year employment has been down. We haven't been able to absorb as many newcomers as previously. Many had obtained enough work to qualify for 25 weeks of unemployment insurance. When those payments ran out, and steady work still was not available, they had to leave.

Consequently we have had a loss in population about equal to one year's normal gain. During the same time we were losing some 3,000 people, however, we still had some offsetting movement into the county so the net loss perhaps is smaller than presently indicated.

Those of us remaining optimistic about the county's future anticipate a return to comparatively high level economy within the next few weeks. If we do get back on the upward road—the boom we have grown to accept as "normal"—we will need the 3,000 people we have absorbed into our communities each year. That rate of influx has maintained our growing requirements for labor force. Without them we are apt to become a "labor-short" area.

Aside from unemployment during the wet season, the entire Pacific Northwest can be considered short in labor force. During peaks of production, jobs exist for everyone willing to work, while more people could be employed, if available.

May Improve Market

An area short in labor supply usually stands high on the economic ladder. If there are more jobs than people to fill them, employers maintain wage levels attractive to unplaced workmen. In effect they bid against one another for the help they need.

If the westward movement of workers from the Dust Bowl is at an end, and, if our normal rate of increase in population is halted, bringing about a shortage of labor to maintain our rising scale of production, a quick economic recovery could result.

A further influence on our economy, resulting from the end of the drought, could be an improved market demand. Because of crop failures and low economy for five years or more in the drought area there has been little new construction. It is, of course, too early to tell whether the dry cycle is ended. However, if there is evidence that normal rainfall is again to be experienced in the drought stricken states, we may expect a large building program to be undertaken.

The "Friendly" Southern Pacific's rail monopoly in Douglas County provides a long haul rate structure which puts our lumber on a basis of equality in reaching markets in those states now experiencing flood damage. Rebuilding communities wrecked by flood and tornado should provide outlets immediately for a large volume of lumber, possibly to be followed by a much stronger market in an area in which building has been lagging behind normal for a long period of time.

Republicans Claim Unions Circumvented Law Against Direct Political Payments

WASHINGTON (AP)—Action by the House Appropriations Committee apparently will determine when and if the Reclamation Bureau will resume investigating a proposed Pleasant Valley high dam in the Snake River.

A transcript of hearings before made public Friday, shed some light on the suspension a few weeks ago of a detailed feasibility study of a project which would flood the sites of proposed private and public power dams in Hells Canyon.

Several committee members objected to the transfer of funds from other projects for use in the Pleasant Valley study, which had been ordered by Secretary of the Interior Searles. The Reclamation Bureau suspended its investigation and submitted a letter attempting to justify the transfer of funds.

A federal Pleasant Valley high dam would flood the site of one of three dams the Idaho Power Co. plans to build upstream and also the site of a federal Hells Canyon dam which would be authorized by pending legislation. It also would replace a lower



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Roseburg Toastmasters Club for the next six months are pictured above. Left to right, Duane Lafferty, sergeant at arms; Carl Felkner, treasurer; Bob Johnston, president; Bill Copeland, administrative vice president; Ned Wagner, educational vice president. Not pictured is secretary Roy Clark.

Society

RALPH BLASER HOME IS SCENE OF BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Darla Bone, bride-elect, was honored at a surprise bridal shower given at the Ralph Blaser home in Glendale Wednesday evening.

The hostesses, Mrs. Ralph Blaser, Miss Alice Blaser and Miss Gladys Vincent, served refreshments. The cake was iced in white with "Darla and Lucky" written in blue in the center, and a bride and bridegroom decoration placed on one corner. The paper cups, napkins, and plates were printed with a wedding bell motif. The bride-doll centerpiece was one of Darla's gifts.

The honoree was the first prize in each of two games that were played.

The name of the honoree was spelled out with letters on the packages laid out on the gift table.

Those present were Mrs. John Bone, Mrs. C. W. Anderson and daughter, Lynn; Mrs. Riley Ferguson and daughter, Nancy; Mrs. Judy; Mrs. Peril Winkelman; Mrs. Don Young; Mrs. Art Olson; Mrs. Andy Owens; Mrs. Ed Coate and daughter, Blanche; Mrs. George Mill and daughter, Georgia; Mrs. James Beed and daughter, Vicki; Mrs. John Sether and son, Mrs. Cliff Johnson; Mrs. Kizzie Clarke and Beverly Brady.

Those unable to be present who sent gifts were Mrs. Darla Anderson; Mrs. Homer Martin; Mrs. C. W. Vincent; Mrs. E. L. Nace; Mrs. Joe Payne; Miss Shirley Reasoner; Mrs. Ted Merdason and daughter, Sylvia; and Mrs. Gerald Fox.

MRS. HARRIS GIVES PARTY AT GLENDALE

Mrs. Andrew Harris of Grants Pass was honored at a pink and blue shower Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Harris in Glendale. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Harris, served refreshments.

Gifts were presented in a basket decorated with pink ribbon and a star.

Prizes for games went to Mrs. Don Gibson and Miss Marilyn Harris.

Those present were Mrs. Blanche Harris; Mrs. Della Gibson; Mrs. Lucille Harris and daughter, Marilyn; Mrs. Lucy Harris; Mrs. Virginia Jones; Mrs. Ida Bayne; Mrs. Mattie Heller; Mrs. Blanche Wade and Mrs. Ida Edson.

GLIDE WOMEN HOSTESSES AT RECENT SURPRISE PARTY

Members of the Glendale women's volleyball team entertained at a surprise party Monday evening following the last game of the season at the high school gym.

Refreshments were served and Miss Earnest was presented with a lovely gift in appreciation of her weekly work with the team.

Those unable to be present who sent gifts were Mrs. Darla Anderson; Mrs. Homer Martin; Mrs. C. W. Vincent; Mrs. E. L. Nace; Mrs. Joe Payne; Miss Shirley Reasoner; Mrs. Ted Merdason and daughter, Sylvia; and Mrs. Gerald Fox.

GLENDALE BRIDE-ELECT FETED AT LOVELY PARTIES

Miss Alice Blaser of Glendale was complimented at a surprise bridal shower held Monday evening at the Oliver Presbyterian Church. Miss Blaser and some of her wedding party had been holding a pre-wedding practice at the church and were invited down to the church parlors by the pastor after the practice. The guests were waiting for the party to begin.

The serving table was decorated with bows of pink and red roses, and baskets of Scotch broom decorated the room.

Hostesses, Mrs. Andy Owens, Mrs. George Mill and Mrs. Riley Ferguson, served refreshments. One of the cakes was decorated to represent a bride, and one a bridesmaid.

Those present were Mrs. Ralph Blaser; Mrs. Riley Ferguson and daughters, Nancy and Judy; Mrs. George Mill and Georgia; Mrs. Andy Owens; Mrs. C. E. Young; Mrs. Carl Ford; Mrs. William Cummings; Mrs. E. L. Nace; Mrs. Glendale; and Mrs. Bert Ing and Mrs. Charles Blaser of Myrtle Creek.

Those sending gifts but unable to attend were Mrs. Walt McAllister; Mrs. Fred Beard; Mrs. Whiting Martin; Mrs. Howard Edson; Mrs. Fred Wright; all of Glendale; Mrs. Ada Ames of Grants Pass; and Mrs. Agnes Kent; Mrs. Luther Page; and Miss LouAnn Page of Myrtle Creek.

Miss Blaser was also honored at a bridal shower held at Myrtle Creek recently at the home of Mrs. Bert Ing.

The honoree was the winner of two games played before she opened her gifts.

The gifts were displayed under an umbrella which was fastened in place with green and white streamers extending from ceiling to umbrella and down to the table like rain. A bunch of roses was tied to the umbrella handle.

The hostess served refreshments. Those present were Mrs. Alice Kent; Mrs. Guy Hardage; Mrs. Lois Briner; Mrs. Charles Blaser; all of Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Charles Zilka; Mrs. Ralph Blaser of Glendale; the honoree and the hostess.

GLENDALE JOB'S DAUGHTERS INSTALL GUARDIAN COUNCIL

The Glendale Bethel of Job's Daughters met Monday evening, at the Masonic Temple. A waffle supper preceded the meeting.

Two girls, Shirley Nappier and Nancy Brickley, were initiated into the group.

The new guardian council was installed for a coming year as follows: Guardian, Mrs. Jackie Smith; associate guardian, Ruth Cox; secretary, Mrs. Mary Ruth Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Jean Major; director of music, Mrs. Eunice Payne; director of sociability, Mrs. Alma Edson; chairman of hospitality, Mrs. Flo Cox; assistants for hospitality, Mrs. Lucille Harris; Mrs. Virginia Jones and Mrs. Alice Gordon; directors of paraphernalia, Mrs. Vera Kemp and Mrs. Judy La Prath; promoters of fraternal relationships, Frank Woodley and Bill La Prath.

The council was installed by Past Grand Guardian Mrs. Mamie Wilson of Myrtle Creek and Past Associate Grand Guardian Roy Colburn of Roseburg. They were assisted by Mrs. Millie Dud, Mrs. Olive Palo and Mrs. Margaret Stokes of Bethel; Myrtle Creek Guardian Council.

After the meeting, refreshments were served. Birthday cake, honoring Mrs. Miller, Jean Graft, Sharon Miller, Vicki Hays and Mary Pate, were served along with other refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 3. Installation of officers will be Saturday evening, June 15.

ROBERT HEAD FAMILY HONORED AT SHOWERS

The Robert Head family, whose home up Cow Creek burned to the ground early on Mother's Day, were honored at a household shower given at the Astoria Grange Hall Saturday evening. Blaine Johnson, representing the grange which sponsored the shower, welcomed the 60 to 70 friends who met for the occasion. Gifts were placed on the stage and were opened by the Head family. A round of visiting followed, and refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The hall was decorated beautifully with vases of snowballs and iris and sprays of red hawthorne.

Richard and George Allen Head, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Head, were honored at a surprise personal shower given by the Galesville PTA at the school Friday evening. About 25 were present. The George Wendroths showed some of their colored slide pictures.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.



SCOUTS ADVERTISE X-RAY — Boy Scout John Churchill, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Churchill, and Cub David Kennaday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kennaday, are shown above delivering leaflets door-to-door advertising the visit of the chest X-ray units in the Glendale area. At Mc's Place in Idlewild Park June 4, Glendale High School June 5 and Little River Stone June 6.

LOVELY SHOWER PARTY GIVEN FOR BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Vivian Earnest, Mrs. Charles Finlay, Mrs. James Gunn and Mrs. Harry Baiken entertained at a charming surprise bridal shower Thursday evening at the latter's home at Idlewild Park in honor of Miss Margaret Nicholson.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses and the honored guest opened her many gifts.

Those enjoying the evening were Mrs. F. E. DeShields, Mrs. Phil Strader; Mrs. N. W. McMillen; Mrs. W. McLeod; Mrs. W. Schenmerhorn; Mrs. Albert DeBernardi; Mrs. Laurel Thomson; Mrs. George McClure; Mrs. Paul Amann; Mrs. Forest Kennedy; Mrs. Wayne Nelson; Mrs. Don Cunningham; Mrs. Glenn Phillips; Mrs. Esther Edson; Mrs. Kenneth Deacon; Mrs. Carroll Gruber; Mrs. Gilbert McGee; Mrs. Howard Smith; Mrs. Bob Frank; Mrs. Charles Grew; Mrs. Lee Eaton and the honored guest, Miss Nicholson.

Those sending gifts but unable to attend were Mrs. Wesley Heaton; Mrs. Asa Dewgrove; Mrs. Jack Forsythe; Mrs. Bill Gleason; Mrs. Hugh Clark; Mrs. W. F. Price; Mrs. Harriett Wells; Mrs. Noah Thomas; Mrs. Gladys Worthington; Mrs. Jessie Gunderson; Mrs. Alma Gause; Mrs. Harry Harvie and Mrs. Bob Blakely.

MELROSE HEC ENTERTAINED AT L. L. CHITWOOD HOME

Mrs. L. L. Chitwood and Mrs. O. O. Matthews entertained members of the Melrose Home Economics club Thursday evening at the former's home.

A lovely dessert-supper was served after which chairman, Mrs. Nellie Myers, conducted a short business meeting. The annual group has announced that the annual grange church Sunday will be observed June 9 at the Methodist Church. Members will meet and go in a body.

Mrs. Floyd Felt presented an interesting program. Roll call was answered with vacation trip ideas. Mrs. Stanley Sjogren will be hostess to the club June 27 with Mrs. A. M. Hanson assisting.

BETA ETA CHAPTER HOLDS OFFICER INSTALLATION

The Lighthouse Inn in Sutherland was the scene of a lovely dinner Wednesday evening at 7:30 when members of the Beta Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha gathered before going to the home of Mrs. Veda Holloper for installation of officers.

Officers installed were as follows: Vera Holm, president; Eleanor Hutton, vice president; Muriel Payne, recording secretary; Janet Mullins, corresponding secretary; Veda Holloper, treasurer.

A short business meeting was held and it was decided to hold only one meeting each month during the summer. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26.

MRS. KINYON HOSTESS AT EVENING PARTY

The Clyde Kenyon home at Melrose was the scene Wednesday evening of a household party. Mrs. John Wimer was the hostess and also gave the interesting demonstration.

Games and visiting were also enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hofman, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kenyon, Mrs. Fred Miller and daughter, Gloria; Mrs. C. Maddox and Mr. and Mrs. Wimer.

Delicious refreshments were served during the pleasant evening.

MR. AND MRS. COLLINS GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Collins and family were honored at a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Royle of Canyonville Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoverson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pohl and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ritchie were co-hosts and hostesses at the party which began with a potluck dinner featuring barbecued hamburgers.

A group gift was presented by the group present to Mr. and Mrs. Collins who are moving to Rupert, Idaho.

OILY RAGS BLAMED

PORTLAND — A Portland Fire Department inspector Friday said oily rags probably were the cause of the blaze which Wednesday destroyed the Morehouse Glass Co. here.

The report was made by Inspector Jim Kerr as the department booster the damage estimate to \$400,000. Earlier estimates set the damage at \$250,000.

Nautilus Sets New Record For Distance

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The Nautilus—world's first atom-powered submarine—set a new underwater distance record on arriving here Wednesday.

Capt. Eugene Wilkinson said the Nautilus traveled 3,049 miles totally submerged from Panama to San Diego's Point Loma.

"We averaged 18 knots on the seven-day voyage," he said. "Our previous distance record was slightly over 2,900 miles."

Wilkinson said average depth of the sub was 200 feet. He said the ship surfaced at 8 a. m. Wednesday and entered San Diego Bay soon after.

It was the first time the submarine had called at a Pacific Coast port.

The sub will operate with the 1st Fleet in "Operation Home Run," an antisubmarine training exercise off the Southern California coast, starting Monday.

It is scheduled to visit Seattle June 17 and San Francisco June 22.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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government costs you as an individual a little better than \$6. So the federal government's interest bill costs you in the neighborhood of \$45 a year. If you are the bread winner for a family of four, it costs you about \$180.

And it is going to be higher, because interest rates are getting higher.

Harris Ellsworth, chairman of the U.S. civil service commission (the chairman of the civil service commission sits in at cabinet meetings) spent a couple of days in Southern Oregon last week. While here, he told a wholesome little story about Ike and his grandson Young David knows Ike only as

Bruce Blossat

A couple of decades ago when the nation's population was far smaller, some of our experts used to worry a good deal about America's future fuel supply. Warnings were tossed out that we might run short before too many years had passed.

But here we are with 170 million people in 1957, and the scientists are telling us that we have abundant supplies of fuel beneath the earth.

In a new look at these resources, the New York Times notes that U.S. geologists say we have enough coal, oil, gas and related reserves to meet the country's needs at an ever-expanding rate for the next 1,000 years.

Since coal is, practically speaking, still our greatest resource of fuel, the specialists have labored hard in recent years to keep it competitive with oil and gas which have been in rising boom.

COAL'S ECONOMIC difficulties stem largely from the inherent costs of digging out and transporting to market so bulky a product. Today most U.S. shaft mines are highly mechanized, and output per miner is 17 tons a day, against 14 tons for a British miner. Open pit or strip mines employ huge mechanical shovels.

More and more coal moves today by cheap waterway, and there is even a pipeline to carry it in semi-liquid form. In some cases, the market — factory or power plant — is moving closer to the coal field. And coal users are finding cheaper and more efficient ways of burning this fuel.

The oil industry has had a magnificent expansion, with countless chemical by-products being developed. Oil's big problem is the high cost of exploring new sources. New supplies at shallow depths are harder to locate, and the quest leads now to deeper levels. The industry is spending seven billion dollars a year for this work in America alone.

THE GEOLOGISTS are confident however, that in addition to coal reserves there are vast, deep-laid supplies still untapped, which could be developed at a rate more than equal to the nation's rising consumption.

For more distant development are tremendous stocks of oil shale and lignite, the low-grade coal. Much experimenting still is needed to convert these materials into stable form at competitive cost. But they represent a huge insurance policy against any future fuel shortage in the United States, no matter what its size after another 20 centuries have passed.

And then there are such new wrinkles as atomic and solar energy, still experimental and commercially non-competitive, but sure to enter the field one day. The "scare story" writers won't find the fuel picture one they can do much with for a long, long time to come.

LAST RESORT BILL

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—The so-called "last resort" bill which would allow residents of any Florida area to suspend their public schools to prevent race mixing went to Gov. Leroy Collins today to await an almost certain veto.