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TREND TO CAMPING

By Charles V. Stanton

The Oregon Highway Commission is in somewhat of a quandary concerning the advertising of camp facilities.

During the past tourist season, computed through July, the state camps under jurisdiction of the Highway Commission recorded 164,000 camper nights, as compared with 114,000 for the same period in 1956, a gain of 50,000. In 1957 there were 1,181 campsites available. These will be increased to 1,535 in 1958. During the past season nearly all camps handled more campers than their rated capacity by 10 per cent or more.

The gain of four per cent in overnight campers is considered very significant. It is believed to indicate a trend that will grow in coming years.

One reason for the great increase in camping is found in the numerous articles in magazines telling how families can make extended trips at comparatively little expense by taking advantage of the camping facilities now available in nearly all states. These articles are becoming more numerous and detailed, causing an increasing number of persons to consider such method of travel.

Another factor is the great improvement in camping equipment. Instead of the old wall tent, requiring much time and effort to erect, today's camper has an umbrella tent, with sewn-in floors, screened windows and zipper doors, to provide secure shelter. The tent can be erected in a matter of moments and with little physical effort.

Many Camping Devices

A camping kit also may well include a folding gasoline stove, air mattresses, sleeping bags, folding chairs and tables, nested cooking utensils and dishes. All equipment, utensils and supplies now come in such compact form that the whole outfit may easily be transported in the trunk of the average car.

Another growing trend is the use of the light "gypsy type" trailer. Trailer campers increased by one per cent in Oregon's records during the past season. The light trailer can be towed at relatively high speeds and provides a home on wheels wherever the vacationer may be.

A few years ago some hotel and motel owners were protesting Oregon's program for developing state-owned tourist camps. They considered such camps to be competition to private industry. Despite the fact that the proportion of tourists using motels during the past season dropped to 50 per cent from the 54 per cent recorded the previous year, the motel owners no longer voice opposition to state camps.

They have found that campers make a practice of using motels at frequent intervals to obtain baths, laundry service, etc., and that more campers mean more motel business as well.

Problems Created

The Oregon Highway Commission has a Travel Information Division. This division is aided by an advisory committee, named to assist in the formation of advertising budgets and programs.

Because Oregon's camp sites are limited, the advisory committee has recommended that advertising the state's campgrounds be kept in balance with capacity. This is the policy governing the budget for the forthcoming year. But there is good evidence the campers will be coming in greater numbers than camps will accommodate, regardless of advertising.

Considerable pressure was exerted on the last legislature to separate the parks department from the highway commission. Studies by legislative and special interim committees resulted in uniform recommendations that the parks department, which also handles the campground program, be retained as a function of the highway department. An advisory committee to assist in matters of policy and budget was recommended.

The current problem, involving the balance between travel, advertising and camping capacity, I believe, points up the value of keeping all these activities under one supervision, rather than having them scattered through several agencies. Dividing work and responsibility doubtless would promote duplication, confusion and imbalance.

The problem already is sufficiently complicated, without being confused still more by dividing authority.

—Bruce Biossat—

After a string of failures in test firings, the United States suddenly has begun to get better results with its rocket experiments.

The latest in a series of successful firings sent a rocket "close" to 4,000 miles into space, according to high military sources. The feat suggests we are still with the Russians in the important missile race.

This particular rocket was dispatched from a balloon 20 miles above the earth, to help it escape the atmosphere.

Since we do not know how Russia launched its long-range rocket, we do not know whether or not they managed to get theirs off from a ground platform. If they did, they obviously have mastered a trick we have not.

INDEED, THERE is as yet nothing in our recent book of accomplishments to give us any cause for renewed cockiness. What has happened just means we're in there pitching.

The events are nevertheless encouraging, not only because of the concrete results but because of the attendant publicity.

In lifting the veil of secrecy, the government has shown that perhaps it understands at least the propaganda impact around the world of major advances in the missile and satellite fields.

Reports from all corners made it clear the big job came from realizing that Russia had the scientific resources to produce a rocket capable of launching "Sputnik," its man-made satellite.

WE WILL NOT likely recoup any of our lost prestige by coming up a fast second with our own satellite. Only by spectacular performance

with missiles are we liable to impress foreign capitals surprised and even shocked by Soviet advances.

And even achievement which would restore us unmistakably to the military-scientific leadership would not wipe out the effect of Russia's gains this fall. For they suggest to the world a resourcefulness which at any future time could give them back the lead—if they lose it in the continuing struggle for weapons and devices whose mastery means conquest to the Kremlin and survival to the free peoples.

Weyerhaeuser Estate Appraised At 11 Million

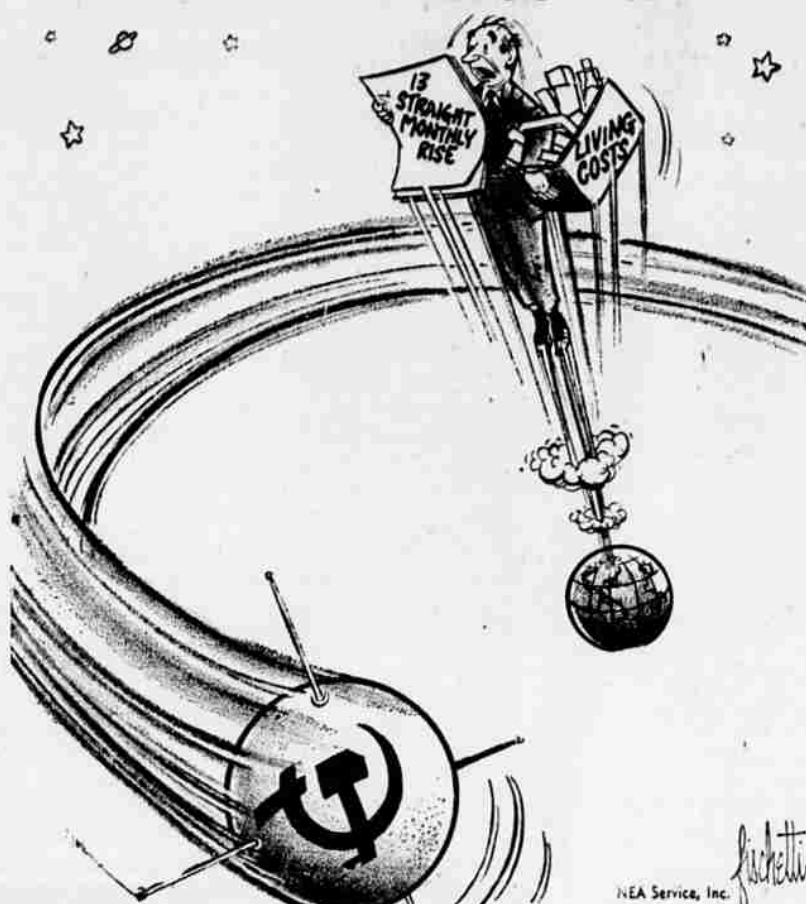
TACOMA — The estate of J. P. Weyerhaeuser Jr., Tacoma lumberman, was appraised at \$11,348,563.48 in a report filed by Seattle attorneys with the county clerk here Tuesday.

Weyerhaeuser died last Dec. 8. Of his estate, \$10,037,473.03 was listed as his separate estate, with the remaining \$1,311,090.45 in community property with his widow, Helen W. of Tacoma.

Weyerhaeuser left his stock in the Edward Hines Lumber Co., valued at \$342,216, to the Weyerhaeuser Foundation Inc., of St. Paul, Minn., for use for "any religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, public or any like work."

The rest of his estate was left in trust, half to go to his widow, and half to be divided equally among his four children, Ann W. Paxson, John P. Weyerhaeuser III, George H. Weyerhaeuser and Elizabeth Meadowcroft.

"Gee---Wish I Had an Orbit Too"



Reader Opinions

Red Cross Responsibility Outlined By Beecher

The Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross is vitally interested in the success of the Central Douglas United Fund. As one of the participating organizations, the chapter receives a considerable portion of its operating funds from that source.

One of the major responsibilities of the chapter is its home service department which is, in reality, an adjunct of national defense. Home service provides a means of communication between men in the service and their families, assists those families in time of emergency, as well as providing assistance to service men themselves when necessary. Every day demands are made upon the chapter in meeting these responsibilities.

Water safety and first aid instruction are year around services provided for our citizens. Gray Ladies serve our veterans hospital on a volunteer basis. Senior Red Cross and home nursing instruction are other important services rendered by the chapter. Disaster relief is an important function.

The blood program, whereby blood is made available without cost and on a continuing basis, is in itself a program which would justify the operation of the chapter, even if no other services were available. Just how many lives have been saved right here in Douglas County through the availability of blood collected by the Red Cross cannot be estimated.

The local chapter has been greatly handicapped in its efforts to serve the community because of lack of sufficient funds. Further curtailment of activities would, in my opinion, be a tragedy.

The American Red Cross has the one function of serving the community and the nation. How well it performs this function depends upon the support it receives from our citizens.

I sincerely hope that our people will generously support the United Fund in order that the Red Cross and all other humanitarian organizations may continue to respond to human needs.

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Adoption Of Foreign Children Seen Danger

I'd like to voice an opinion that I'm sure is felt very strongly by many people regarding the adoption of foreign born children and bringing them to this country. Not

only are our schools becoming more overcrowded every year and school taxes keep going up in proportion, but unless these little waifs can grow up in familiar surroundings, traditions and customs they will be pitied more here than in an orphanage in their own country, especially the older ones.

What with higher cost of living, taxes etc., not to mention the staggering amount of unemployment in this country, think what another generation or even 10 years will do. I am definitely not a segregationist but feel if we must give millions in foreign aid, a portion should go to supporting little Koreans and other nationalities in their own country.

If individuals have the wherewithal to fly to other countries and bring these children back for adoption, it seems to me that they could donate to an orphanage of their choice, either in this country (where I'm sure it could be used) or go through the proper channels and adopt some of the hundreds of orphans in this country. Maybe these people see themselves as heroes, making a splash on the front page.

I'll admit that the adoption laws could be more lenient in this country to aid the many childless homes, but recent statistics show that our seams are bursting with the abundance of influx from other countries through the normal allotment, and through productivity here at home.

I believe in helping anyone in need but also believe that charity begins at home.

Mrs. Marvin Root
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Reader Asks Reduction Of State Income Tax

Glen A. Wellman, in his reply to Sen. Dimick's advertisement seems to think that this 74 million dollar surplus that Gov. Holmes called the Legislature to get rid of has already been levied and partly collected. This assumption must be a mistake because the 74 million dollars is supposed to be collected in 1957 and 1958 in income taxes and to be on hand in 1959.

Mr. Wellman's advice to Dimick is good but will not be heeded. Dimick and most of the Democrats will do what Holmes tells them. They are the ones who repealed the 45 per cent surtax, but added 51 per cent to the income taxes. That is where this 74 million dollars is to come from. Why not reduce the income taxes now?

Anton Bachman
Camas Valley Route
Roseburg, Oregon

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — A change of weather affects mankind. It always does.

One who loves people can develop a feeling toward the impact of weather on persons.

Sometimes it is good, sometimes bad. Sometimes it is hidden.

On me the effect of weather is obvious. The weather is a thing that gives me both an inspiration and a sense of duty. It does to most people.

On a visit to the far northwest I saw a couple of Douglas fir trees cut down. It was a memorable scene. They made an echo as they fell. As they fell down the hill they fell across my heart. All those years of living, even in a tree, must stir an echo.

But the individual death of a tree is not a personal thing, something not missed because you presumed its presence. And there came a day when you looked toward it for routine comfort. And it had gone. The shelter of the commonplace was no longer there, and the memory held a mystery.

Holds Memory

You look back, and the tree cut down holds the memory of something against the sky. Your eyes remember.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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business. All history shouts that less on.

President Eisenhower has the background and the qualities that are required.

He is the world's best-known soldier.

He holds the PERSONAL confidence of his countrymen and of all the world. NO ONE doubts his integrity.

And—Better than anyone else—like is qualified for one-man leadership, for no one suspects him of POWER ambitions.

No one could even think of him as the Man on Horseback.

If President Eisenhower is to assume the position of leadership that is so clearly called for, he must—

1. Forget politics.
2. Forget all about WHO WILL WIN in 1960.
3. Think ONLY of the welfare of our country.
4. Be firm, even GRIM, if necessary, in his judgment of the capabilities of the men to whom he must delegate authority.

Will the people support him in such a course?

I think they will.

There can be no denying that through much of this first year of his second term President Eisenhower's standing as a leader has suffered in the estimation of many people. There have been times when his leadership has seemed to be inept—as in the case of his budget. On occasions, he defended it. On other days, he seemed almost to apologize for it.

The people have excused him

for that. They have held POLITICS to be largely responsible, and they have excused the President for his political shortcomings, feeling that he is a SOLDIER, with a soldier's training, and has no liking for the ways of politics.

But a new mood is abroad in our land.

There is a feeling that dangers are threatening us that never threatened before. These dangers, our people feel, fall within the field that is President Eisenhower's specialty.

If he will assert the kind of leadership that people WANT in this emergency, the people will follow him unhesitatingly.

FEATURED SPEAKER

EUGENE — J. Alfred Hall, director of the Forest Service laboratory at Madison, Wis., will be the featured speaker at the Oregon meeting of the Isaac Walton League of America here Nov. 30.

Hall, former head of the Northwest forest and range experiment station in Portland, will speak on "Opportunities in Conservation Through Utilization."

Number Of Unemployed Keeps Rising In Oregon

SALEM — The number of unemployed persons in Oregon increased from 32,200 to 38,400 during October, the Unemployment Compensation Commission said Tuesday.

The commission paid out \$2,375,000 in jobless benefits, highest October total on record, and more than three times the \$763,987 paid in October of last year.

The commission said benefits for 1957 might reach a new record of 30 million dollars.

The October unemployment total is 14,000 more than it was in October, 1956.

Employment in lumber areas improved last month because of favorable weather. Eugene, Lebanon, Corvallis and Tillamook reported a drop in the number of jobless, compared with September.

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Dulles Says Russ Ahead Of U.S. In Missile Field

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles said Tuesday the Soviet Union is ahead of the United States in the missile fields in some respects. But he said he is confident the United States can catch up.

Dulles also told a news conference.

1. It would be helpful for the United States—by launching its own satellite or some similar action—to demonstrate that it has developed a capability in firing space missiles.

2. Soviet progress in the whole field of modern weapons has created over the years a general danger to the free world which should serve to bring the Allied powers much closer together.

3. Russia's rejection of further big power disarmament negotiations in favor of an 82-country United Nations body was a move to pressure and threaten the U. N. General Assembly into adopting the kind of procedure the Russians desire.

4. It would be desirable to have foreign bases for U. S. intermediate-range ballistic missiles other than those provided in an agreement made with Britain last spring.

One tree against the forest? It is so, how in autumn can a man know his way through the forest except by the trees?

In the colorful wilderness of their falling leaves he feels a kinship with their shedding and his eternal human renewal.

There is a feeling of time and timing in this world. . . . on the bough. . . in the man.

And in the time of falling leaves a man can walk in the wood. . . . admire the scarlet splendor of nature in its final flourish. . . . see the fall of leaves that happy children will rake up with a shout in the age-old game beyond decay.

A man can endure the torment of autumn after autumn. . . . the frigid repetitiveness of winter after winter. . . . in the hope that he can enjoy again the fresh agony of spring. . . . after year. . . after year.