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"BIRTH OF AN INDUSTRY"
A few score people took part Monday afternoon in the breaking of ground for the first wood waste alcohol plant in the United States—the "birth of an industry." The sun was hot in the open field between the big Springfield Plywood plant and the Rosboro mill. Charley Snellstrom, president of the Willamette Valley Wood Chemical Co. made the ceremonies brief.

However, the assembly got a chance to hear a few words from Al Hall, the shrewd Indiana Yankee chief chemist of the U. S. forestry service, who might be called "the prophet" of the new era. Then Congressman Harris Ellsworth spaded up a few clumps of sunbaked Oregon earth, and this was appropriate because Ellsworth really has done most of the "spadework" at Washington. Of course, as Mr. Snellstrom said, a great many people have helped. There have been two years of "evangelizing the idea," testing it out, cutting wartime red tape. Now comes the time of DOING, and beyond that lies the FUTURE.

Even Prophet Hall foresees plenty of post-war headaches for the infant industry, but he hangs to his prediction that with courage and resourcefulness it will win through. Somebody said, as the crowd turned away: "Wonder why we have these ceremonies?"

When people sense "the momentous," the impulse to make a ceremony is instinctive. The new plant in Springfield will not be just another sawmill. It will look rather like any other factory, but the things that will be done in it are rather new and strange to us.

In Germany (and many other countries not so rich as we have been in natural resources) such plants are not new or strange. Recently we were visited by Erwin Schaefer, the German exile, once head of the great Tornesch works near Hamburg. (He got out of Germany with \$200 and "what I have in my head"). He looked at the vast piles of waste around our Lane county mills, saw the 10-acre site in Springfield and said:

"We do not need so much ground for this first little plant but I could see growing round this plant, many other plants making many, many interesting and valuable things."

We have been used to looking at a log and seeing so much lumber. The modern chemist sees so much cellulose, lignin. To him it is not magic to transpose atoms and get alcohol or protein yeasts, fuels, rubber, commercial drugs, gases, fertilizers. Even without altering the wood, chemists at the great Madison laboratories have learned to treat the wood itself as a plastic.

For our fighters in the tropics they have developed a flexible wooden sole for shoes (urea treatment), a whole amazing array of "impregs" and "compregs" by which ordinary wood, or "ply" or paper becomes proof against heat, cold, water and even fire resistant to a high degree. They make structural members of almost any size or shape by laminating ordinary boards with new phenol-resin glues.

Maybe that explains why breaking ground for this first small plant seemed to call for "a ceremony." Man from the East said the other day:

"What are those curious inverted 'cone' towers you see near every big lumber mill?"
Burners! It might be a good idea to save a few photographs of burners and sawdust piles for the grandchildren to look at. They may find it hard to believe when they are told of "the old days."

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE 'N POLITIX

Tactics of the 1944 presidential campaign are developing in familiar patterns. Democrats pretend to see something akin to "lese majeste" in Mr. Dewey's reference to "an administration grown old and ill tempered." There are many wisecracks referring to Dewey as "the Boy Scout" or "the Shetland pony." (The by-play on "swapping horses" will probably run through infinite variations.)

In two of Oregon's nominally Democratic newspapers we find some interesting circumlocutions.

The Pendleton East Oregonian reviews the long and involved story of how Lodge and others (Republicans) blocked the approval of Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations. It describes FDR as a stalwart worker for world peace:

"Repeatedly he talked to Hitler and Mussolini like a Dutch uncle. But this nation was not prepared for war and they knew it."

The PEG probably has forgotten that historic 1924 Democratic convention where the Democratic party formally ditched "Wilsonism"—despite the heroic last minute appeal of Newton D. Baker to get the convention to save something of the Wilsonian idealism. It likewise neglects any reference to Mr. R's 1940 campaign promise, as Truman

ed on Page 514, Vol. 8 of "The Papers and Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt":

"And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers, I give you one more assurance. I've said this in the past but I say it again and again: YOUR BOYS ARE NOT GOING TO BE SENT INTO ANY FOREIGN WARS."

Of course, Mr. Wilkie, in the same campaign, and with full approval of the Republican hierarchy was making virtually the same silly promise. This little "cornstalk gazette" isn't heard very far, but we can take considerable pride in the fact that in 1940 we said both candidates were kidding their public deliberately and that it was high time to start telling the truth—that we were involved "up to our necks." Oh well!

However, it remains for The Portland Journal to bring in the most adroit accusation against Mr. Dewey. In 26 of the 48 states, the governors happen to be Republican, and Mr. Dewey has called them to a conference. This The Journal sees thus:

"It would bypass the national committee... recognizes governors as de facto heads of the party in home states, while senators and representatives have become so embroiled at Washington they have lost touch with the people... somehow, the Dewey scheme of passing the buck clings against the American way..."

Tommyrot! We can't recall that The Journal suffered any "ethical" disturbance when doughty old Governor Martin was done in by White House trickery (the slimiest bit of politicking we ever did witness after 30 years in the mud and dirt). Nor does it display any qualms at the recent reports that Willis Mahoney (the self-styled "business man's radical") has been received once more at the White House and apparently approved as a candidate for senate from Oregon (where he has not lived since his double crossing led to his last defeat).

Politix is politix and it seems to develop behavior patterns in which neither ethics nor reason count for much. The problem of the voting public is to try to winnow out the few grains of truth and character from the campaign chaff.

A hastily assembled safari captured an escaped zoo lion that chased a Denver boy—to whom it was safari exciting experience.

"The war must not be judged by day-to-day developments," says Hitler. But, Adolf, we're going to keep it up week after week and month after month.

Mushrooms will decorate fall hats. In some cases that will be putting mushrooms on what already look like toadstools.

Blue beads are a token of bad luck in the Orient. Black eyes are a similar token in America.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
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RECONVERSION TO START SOON

By S. BURTON HEATH
(Substituting for Peter Edson)

SIGNS are beginning to multiply that the beginnings of industrial reconversion are just around the corner. The war still is far from won, of course. The hardest, deadliest fighting remains to be done against both Germany and Japan. Yet tomorrow, or the next day, or the day after we must get down to brass tacks on the business of backtracking to civilian production.

That does not mean that production for war is nearing an end. Quite the contrary. For months—perhaps literally for years—American factories must continue to manufacture more planes, ships, guns, tanks, munitions and other materiel of war than any other nation ever has fabricated.

What has happened falls into two categories. In the first place, we have used up the entire stockpiles of certain commodities which are considered essential to civilian well-being and the efficient functioning of the home front. These must be replaced, in carefully measured quantities, even though facilities for their production have to be diverted from war work.

We've Got Working Supplies
IN the second place, we have overcome the inertia of our belated start and built up a working supply of many if not all of the weapons and munitions required by our armed forces and those of our Allies. From now on our task is to complete the stockpiling of war items not yet in abundance, replace those which are expended against the Axis armies and navies, and—this is important—supply the thousands of sudden requirements for new weapons and for modifications of armament which will result from the unpredictable eventualities of modern warfare.

To meet the needs of the future on such replacement basis will not require the entire capacity of our vastly expanded industrial plant. Increasingly we shall learn of factories whose product no longer is needed, which will be released from war work.

The Brewster case, widely publicized, was not typical because there a combination of unfavorable factors existed. But the Brewster experience is going to be repeated in many plants where management and labor have not combined to make themselves generally disliked.

The tipoff that this is no pipe dream lies in the fact that War Labor Board lawyers now are busy drafting orders to govern the procedure of reconversion as cutbacks in war production become general and important.

The first one that is anticipated, of major importance, will be in the airplane field. Informed observers are talking about a 30 per cent horizontal cut, because we now are beginning to make planes faster than the United Nations can use them.

Some Cuts, Some Expansions
THAT does not mean, of course, that every type will be cut an even 30 per cent. To guess, one might say that production of trainers could be reduced half, or more, while manufacture of Super-Forces might be maintained at current level or even greatly expanded with an eye toward shift of the major war theater to the Pacific.

Termination of the war in Europe, which high military authorities have predicted, should come before 1945, will mean a substantial decrease in certain types of war production—notably, perhaps, weapons and munitions for ground troops, since ships and planes will play a much greater part against Japan even than they did against Germany.

You can look for a great seething in the industrial pot in the near future—and don't get any idea that it is a matter of interest only to the plutocrats of big business. The handling of reconversion means the difference between jobs and no jobs for workers, the difference between goods and no goods for consumers.

SOCIETY. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY REPORTED

Installation ceremonies for new officers in the American Legion auxiliary were held Friday evening at the River Road clubhouse.

Mrs. S. S. George was installing officer. The new officers include: Mrs. John Chapman, president; Mrs. Lulu Burns, first vice-president; Mrs. Henry Halverson, second vice-president; Mrs. Roy S. Woodruff, recording secretary; Mrs. Claude Fleetwood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, treasurer; Mrs. A. A. Stewart, historian; Mrs. N. B. "Leeper, chaplain; Mrs. John Mitchell, sergeant at arms; Mrs. Jasper Simons, color bearer.

Delegates Named

Auxiliary delegates to the Legion state convention to be held in Portland are: Mrs. Ruth Johnson, retiring president; Mrs. John Chapman, Mrs. Claude Fleetwood, Mrs. John Mitchell. The alternates are: Mrs. Herschel R. Taylor, Mrs. Lulu Burns, Mrs. Glenn A. Harnden, Mrs. Eva Collins.

Reports on Work

Reports given showed that more than 7000 pounds of magazines had been sent to the veterans' facilities at Roseburg during the year, that candy bars had been sent to the hospital every month.

Mrs. George was named chairman of the women's land army recruiting corps.

One hundred hours at Red Cross for the past month were reported for members. Playing cards also were sent to Camp Adair, a sum of two dollars and fifty cents given to the Eugene junior garden group.

The auxiliary bought one, one-hundred dollar bond in series F in the last war bond drive.

The new president announced chairmen for the new year's committees.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

MRS. COLE NAMED TO STATE GROUP

Mrs. W. H. Cole, Eugene, was elected state president of her group when officers were elected by postal employees' groups and their auxiliaries in convention in Eugene, Sunday.

The women's groups elected as follows:

Clerks' auxiliary: president, Mrs. W. H. Cole, Eugene; first vice president, Mrs. E. G. Tschanz, Portland; second vice president, Mrs. L. M. Royal, Corvallis; third vice president, Mrs. T. Tyler, Bend; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. F. Krueger, Salem; historian, Mrs. F. R. Gibbons, Eugene.

Carriers' auxiliary: president, Mrs. Roberta Webb, Portland; vice president, Mrs. May Hadley, Albany; secretary, Mrs. Ross Beeson, Eugene; treasurer, Mrs. Uldine Scott, Salem; district organizer, Mrs. Bernice Rollins, Corvallis.

SON IS BORN

Announcement has been received here of the birth of a son, Roger Alfred Cook, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cook at Portland, July 14. The baby is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Osborne of Eugene, Mrs. Cook being the former Janet Osborne. There is an older sister, Harriet Elizabeth Cook.

VISITORS HERE

Several visitors have been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Osborne, including their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hill, and her daughter, Linda, of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Osborne's brother-in-law, Andrew Harris of Milo, Ore.; a niece, Mrs. Clyde Eskridge and her daughter, Gaydo, of Halley, Idaho; and Mrs. Osborne's mother, Mrs. Thomas E. Mundle of Kearney, Neb.

PICNIC GIVEN

Nearly a hundred persons attended the picnic dinner meeting of the Loyal Friends class of First Christian church, at Skinner Butte park Monday evening. Mrs. Kendall E. Burke had charge of the dinner. A short business meeting featured report of the nominating committee. Mrs. A. Treff gave a reading, and there was singing about the tables.

ALUMNAE MEETING

Alpha Xi Delta sorority alumnae will meet Thursday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, with Mrs. Hazel Archibald, 2045 Kincaid

Anti-Saloon League Up In Arms Against Night Club Jamboree

PITTSBURGH—(U.P.)—Whether a night club war bond jamboree should be held here in the municipal Aragon ballroom became a city-wide issue, as the Anti-Saloon League of Pittsburgh protested to the mayor that it was a "flagrant violation of the Sabbath."

The protest was made in the form of a letter from the Rev. F. W. Hoffman, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, to Mayor Cornelius D. Scully, criticizing permission given to the cafe owners guild to stage the rally. "These men of unholy business seek to hitch their wagon to the brilliantly glowing star of patriotism," Rev. Hoffman charged.

Services of more than 20 bands and 100 entertainers are scheduled to participate in the program. Guild committee spokesmen said that the goal of the rally is to sell more than a million dollars in bonds.

Al Mureur, president of the guild, answered that no liquor will be sold at any time, and dancing will not be permitted before midnight to conform with Pennsylvania laws.

RUGS CLEANED
Electric Cleaners—Ph. 200

street. Mrs. Vivian Harper Pittman will be assistant hostess. Dessert will be served. Invitation is extended to visiting Alpha Xi Deltas in the city to attend.

PARTY GIVEN BY EIGHT AND FORTY

Members of the Eight and Forty society, service organization within the American Legion auxiliary, entertained Friday evening at a picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strong, husbands of members being guests.

Additional guests were State Senator and Mrs. Angus Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Strome, all of Junction City.

INITIATION HELD

A class of candidates initiated by Women of the Moose during the state conference sessions included Mrs. C. J. Zilkowski, Mrs. Harry Bailey, Mrs. W. A. Garouelle, Mrs. Harry Loyle, Mrs. T. M. Cogill, Mrs. Reta Beebe, Mrs. M. G. Dann, Mrs. Kenneth Slayton, Mrs. Elizabeth Paul, Mrs. Dorothy Hastie, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. Jessie Kirk, Mrs. George Klenk, Mrs. G. A. McDonald, and Mrs. Elsie Moore, Eugene; Mrs. Lois Eccels, Klamath Falls.

CDA PICNIC SET WEDNESDAY EVENING

The annual picnic for the Catholic Daughters of America will be held in the Skinner Butte park, Wednesday evening, six-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. L. J. de Pourtales is general chairman. Assisting her as a committee are Mrs. Della Thenell, Mrs. Lawrence Nurte, Mrs. Charles Christiansen, Mrs. Henry Wetzel.

Coffee and cream will be provided by the committee. Members are asked to take basket lunches and to gather at the lodge.

GRADUATE REGENTS

Graduate Regents of the Women of the Moose held their monthly meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Joseph Bartlett. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the business and social session.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Navy Mothers sewing group will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. William Stansfield, Florence Apartments, Number Eight.

Eugene Fruit Soon May Fly To Market

First airborne perishable fruits and other produce from Eugene soon may be flying to east coast markets, it was forecast here Tuesday by Carl A. Eberhardt, manager of United Air Lines here, who is even now negotiating for such transport by local shippers.

Establishment of air transport, that would link Eugene growers with markets anywhere in the United States, followed successful tests of July 10 when United Air Lines carried perishable fruits from San Francisco to Detroit. The fruit ran the gamut of taste tests at Detroit as part of a research program being conducted by Wayne University, the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, and United Air Lines.

SIX FOR SIX

Dr. Spencer A. Larsen, Wayne director of air cargo research, supervised the panel of 38 persons including housewives, home economists and produce, merchandising and transportation experts who sampled figs, boysenberries, plums, tomatoes, apricots, nectarines and strawberries. The fruits, which less than 40 hours previously were ripened on tree or vine in California, were procured by J. Prescott Blount, United's manager

of perishable traffic. The company's first transcontinental journey from the west coast to Detroit kept accurate temperature and humidity records. According to Blount, the fruits stood up exceptionally well, despite a range of temperatures of approximately 100 degrees while on the California to 28 degrees altitudes.

Because the recent tests of what is planned to be a regular service, the results cannot be released for publication, Blount said. However, according to Earl R. French, national marketing director of A & P, affiliate, the tests were a victory to all concerned.

MAIL BIDS ASKED

Sealed proposals will be bid at the office of the assistant postmaster general, 4:30 p. m., August 1, 1944, for the United States mail service per week for the month of September 3, 1944, up to and including June 30, 1944, for rural delivery on the route as Crow Stage. All the bids be procured at the post office at Eugene, at the postmaster's office.

Elks Picnic: Wed., July 19, 8:30 p. m., at the Elks Club. Swimmer's Delight, Eugene, at the postmaster's office. Dancing at 9:30, Pollock

Furs...



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Top: A scarf from our wide selection of mink and kolinsky.

Center: Magnificent Indian lamb coat in fashion's favorite grey.

Bottom: Sable-dyed squirrel lock, ideal all purpose fur coat.