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## Shelter Belt Trees Fate

Many people have wondered about the fate the "Shelter Belt" of trees planted across of the the Dakotas and Nebraska in North-South lines "desert" plains, one of New Deal meas-ures instigated by President Roosevelt in 1934 during the drought years of the de-pression. The answer to the question as to whether they flourished or died has remain-ed a mystery to many.

In answer to such queries the April issue Natural History, the magazine of the Amer-ican Museum of Natural History, contains a brief summary of the fate of the "Shelter Belt" program by Dr. Jack McCormick of the Museum staff from which the following is a condensation

The Shelter Belt called for parallel strips of trees, seven rods wide, one mile apart across a 100-mile-wide area. The objects were to conserve moisture, reduce soll eroon, cut-off hot, dry winds, and provide wild life refuges.

A survey in 1944 revealed 90 percent of the trees were in satisfactory condition. Another survey in 1953 showed continued success. The conifers proved hardier in the long run than hardwood types. Special protection from natural hazards such as fire and grazing herds has been necessary and still is to keep the trees alive.

As windbraks, the shelter beds have been effective for about 20 times the height of the trees. There has also been a reduction in evaporation and hence moisture is conserved. Also there is less snow drifting and soil blowing.

Dr. McCormick admits that "even now without further interference from man the trees could be obliterated." He adds that perhaps the most direct benefit to the inhabitants of the area, was the employment afforded by the project. "In many ways, this project could be considered an achievement.

Perhaps it could be as a scientific accomplishment costing many times its worth, but not a commercial success or the trees would take care of themselves and reseed the re-gion, but costing far more than possible yields -though Dr, McCormick does not say so.

## Well Placed Tribute

Paul B. Wallace, to whom the chapel in the new wing at the YMCA was dedicated Sunday, was a Christian gentleman. He was so considered during his long career in Salem, and he is so remembered among all who knew him.

Those who attended the dedication, each and all, were among those who loved and respected Paul Wallace. But they only represented the whole community. One who long knew him and often enjoyed his companionship said of him after the ceremonial: Paul came nearest to living up to the Golden Rule of all businessmen I have ever known. And he never spoke ill of anyone."

It was fitting that all tributes paid him Sunday-the words that were spoken, the songs that were sung, the plaque with his likeness-were from persons who knew him personally as friend, as adviser, and as fellow worker for things of lasting good. Paul Wallace was broad in his thought of

all men. He believed there was good in all, and his life was dedicated to making the best in them prevail. He was modest and unob-trusive, and self-promotion was no part of He was tolerant, but uncompromising with the unrighteous.

Paul Wallace is remembered as friend, as successful businessman, and as social and civic worker. His long years of service to the YMCA may be cited as an example. He is remembered too as a soldier. He did not have to go to war. He had a visual ailment that would have barred him, but he found a way around it, because he wanted to stay with old Company M. and carry his part of the load. And he was wounded in battle.

The YMCA management did well to dedicate its chapel to the memory of Paul Walbuild palatial homes for the union bosses. Of the two, the Reuther CIO tactics are worse than Dave Beck's of the AFL if there is any choice .- G. P.

## RAY TUCKER **Fear of Serious Decline Disappears**

WASHINGTON - The Administration's earlier fears of a serious business decline in late 1957 have vanished as a result of a study of economic trends during the first quarter of the year. In fact, there is a growing belief that the pres-

ent level of prosperity will hold through 1958. There will be neither a

dangerous inflation nor depressing deflation, according to the official viewpoint. To 10 employ a technical phrase, the general movement will not be sharply up or down,

but horizontal or sideways. Prices will remain high, or even go a bit higher but even go a bit higher, but a rise in personal income will enable consumption to keep pace without too much hardship or difficulty.

An extremely optimistic factor is the people's apparent confidence in the persistence of good times. They are willing to go into debt, for the total of consumers' creditinstallment buying and borrowing - has reached a record peak. They are spending more than they are saving, but even so, they are putting away, percentagewise, more money than they were a year ago.

## More Spent for Light Goods

As evidence of a revolutionary and significant shift in buying habits, they are spending more for light goods and services than Their postwar supply for durables. heavy stuff, from automobiles to household appliances and furniture, has not yet worn out enough to need replacement.

Higher wages, greater leisure time and fashion changes account for this amazing fact-namely, that more people are required to satisfy personal needs than to manufacture commodities. Money spent on sports, travel, and similar semiluxuries continues to surpass all records.

Nor is it the eccentric kind of orgiastic. nightclub and wasteful spending that prevailed so recklessly in the "roaring twen-It provides a more solid underpinning ties." for the general economic structure. It furnishes emlpoyment for millions of serious, hard-working Americans rather than for Al Capone's bootlegging and allied theatrical enterprises from coast to coast.

## An Impressive Analysis

Another important economic change is emphasized by Gabriel Hauge, President Eisenhower's chief economic adviser, as he surveys the business situation and anticipates forward prospects. His analysis has im-pressed industrial, business and financial leaders here and abroad.

Hauge points out that the American economic system has changed so radically in the postwar period that a seblack on one or more sectors cannot have a serious or adverse effect on the overall and basic sys-

While certain industries - automobile, steel, textiles, coal-may have to make tem-porary adjustments in output, inventories and purchases of labor and materials, meaning a slowdown in their particular area, other segments simultaneously operate at full or even greater capacity. In short, no weakening of a single stretch can force a retreat on the whole front.

## **Industrial Plant Expansion**

Residential construction, for instance, is



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As you sink back into the gold and black upholstery, you are startled to note that the inside of the cab, instead of looking like a dried-up hog wallow, is spot-lessly clean. You feel a grateful coolness-and discover the cab is alr-conditioned.

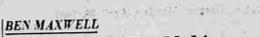
"Care for the evening paper, sir?" asks Roma, handing you back a copy of the latest edition. "If you wish to smoke, you'll find cigars and cigarettes behind you."

You turn and on the shelf be-hind the seat you see two glass containers in which are three pop-ular brands of cigarettes, regular and filtered, and two kinds of ci-gars-domestic and imported.

There are also matches, sev-eral kinds of chewing gum, mints, chocolates, small packets of paper cleansing tissues, scotch tape, and **OPEN FORUM** a lip pomade.

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# History in The Making

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The big Ray-Brown cannery at Woodburn was fast nearing com-pletion and would be ready for operation June 1. 1927. The main building had a width of 105 feet, a depth of 340. (This plant is now Birds Eye division of General Foods Corp. and specializes in a frozen pack of most vegetables and strawberries. Ralph Sebern is manager!. 

dent fund had been attacked on four separate grounds in an injunction suit. 'This five story structure cost \$500,718 and BEN MANWELL was occupied in 1930. It now houses the following departments: adjutant general, corporation could regeneral, corporation could regeneral, corporation could regeneral commissioner, state banking department, laber commissioner and tax com-missioner'. . . .

JACKPOT DELUXE

Mrs. Frank Hayden, resident of the community since 1911, had been appointed postmaster of Val-setz. (Valsetz post office was es-tablished Nov. 6, 1920, Present O'Connor hit the jackpot version of the size mounted on city hall tower, had a range of five miles and was set to wail within a week.

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## Kohler Strike Probe Next?

Senator Barry H. Goldwater (R-Ariz) has proposed a new subject for the Senate Labor Committee which exposed Dave Beck and the Teamster Union racketeering, the threeyear-old strike, personally inspired and di-rected by Walter Reuther. CIO boss and president of United Auto Workers, against the Kohler Co. of Wisconsin, which was recently commented on in these columns. In a statement formally requesting the

inquiry into the Kohler strike. Goldwater recommended specific investigation into the reported acts of violence in connection with the dispute, which he numbered "in the eight hundreds." He also suggested the com tee look at what he claimed was the UAW's effort "to wreck the Kohler Co. itself, principally through the use of direct political pressure in securing the passage of laws and ordinances in nine areas to prevent the installation of Kohler equipment.

"This was done in various states and cities" with the proclaimed purpose of bankrupting Kohler Company and putting the largest manufacturer of plumbing supplies in the United States out of business," said Goldwater

Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) chairman of the investigating committee, said he had not yet seen Mr. Goldwater's proposal and commented "I can't make a prediction when or if we will got to the matter." He said he would submit the propesal to the committee to de-side whether the propess would go into the Kohier strik

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lagging. So are the automobile, electric appliance and textile industries, although perhaps only seasonally. All are cutting down on production and inventories.

But expansion and repair of the industrial plant will exceed 1956 dollar figures. government-Federal, state and local-will spend more than \$100 billion for highways, schools, hospitals, water systems, power plants, etc.

Aircraft, electronic and pushbutton weapon manufacturers will boom. Shipyards have more than a year's backlog of orders after a long period of inactivity.

Exports are rising moderately, Finally, money spent on soft goods, personal services and summer and fall travel will furnish solid support on many fronts

As a matter of fact, the forward movement looks so good from a long-range viewpoint that there would be no regret at Washington over a slight slowdown. It would contribute to and prolong the current sideways slip into the 1958 political year, when the Republicans hope to recapture Congress as a happy pre-lude to the 1960 Presidential contest.

## Quick as a Mosquito

A hungry mosquito can plunge its proboscis into its victim as soon as it alightswithin a second.

Prof. A. W. Brown of the University of Western Ontario has reported that, in the heavily infested areas of Northern Canada, an exposed forearm may receive as many as 280 bites within a minute.

At this rate a naked man could theoret-ically be drained of all his blood on ints theon two hours of exposure.

-Geald Wends to UNESCO Feliants.

Annual Legislative Sessions Are Overdue To the Editor: I appreciate the sentiments ex-date regarding HJR 4, calling for annual sessions of the Oregon Leg-Under the guise of 'protecting' interview of the oregon Leg-Under the guise of 'protecting' the public the Public Utilities enormal descriptions does once I gave a patient with delir-ity on the the original sector of the original sector of the public the sector of the public the sector of the original sector of the original sector of the original sector of the original sector of the sector of the original sector of the sector of the original sector of the sector of the original sector of the original sector of the original sector of the original sector of the sector of the original sector of the original

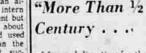
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bid fancy of the poor soul who has been led to believe he or she has a "weak" heart.

### A Careless Remark

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but of prime a choice by an incompetent doctor. It is absurd to think digitalis or any other drug is a heart "tonic." To the best of my knowlede there's only one real heart tonic-vitamin B-complex, particularly the B-com-ble with the state and the seconplex vitamins with manganese and iron, which I recommend in place of digitalis



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