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Timely Topics

By HON. R. T. MOORE

The freezing of certain dimension items by WPB directs attention to the lumber shortage. This drastic action was deemed necessary to give the armed forces first chance at the meagre supply. Decreased production makes prospects for meeting Pacific war demands rather doubtful. Lack of man power in the woods and mills is the main cause and there is small likelihood of the labor deficiency being made up in time to build up winter log inventories.

The WPB blundered in easing civilian building restrictions when the general lumber supply was so short. A severe competition for vanishing lumber stocks has been created and the lumber industry will be blamed for the situation. Customers, disappointed in not being able to get lumber for approved building projects, will criticize the mills and dealers rather than the real culprit, the WPB. Lumber supply will be very tight for the balance of the year and probably well into 1946.

The failure of the lumber industry to keep pace with war demand this year is probably due to the induction of many of its key men before the importance of lumber to the war effort was fully realized. The German war drew lumber supplies from the mid-west and south as well as the Pacific Northwest. The impact on the Douglas Fir industry was therefore not too severe. But now that major lumber supplies for the Jap war must come from the Pacific Northwest the industry keenly feels the heavy pressure for production. Experienced key men who earlier enlisted as badly needed by the industry as it struggles for maximum production.

Loggers and saw-mill hands, usually men in prime physical condition, are among the first to answer a call to the colors. In both major wars too many of the industry's key men had enlisted before the measures were taken to protect the production levels. And in both wars the supply of lumber for the battle fronts became dangerously low as a result.

The industry faces a discouraging back-log of war demand that must be met if the Jap war proceeds on schedule. Tales of our soldiers enduring the sodden misery of sleeping in the mud because of no lumber for tent floors are all too true. This situation will get worse unless lumber production is a high level during the next six months. Increasing armies in the Pacific will need ever increasing lumber supply. Nothing can now excuse the absence of any able-bodied lumber worker from his job during this crisis. Slackening of production will be paid for in the misery and suffering of American soldiers on the Jap war front.

The WPB has given lumber the green light in an attempt to meet war schedules. Our soldiers desperately need adequate shelter against the demoralizing tropical rains. The eyes of America are upon us as we attempt to overcome the shortage. There is yet an outside chance for the industry to make good. But nothing less than the combined efforts of all will turn the trick. American soldiers are asking for this lumber. We must see that they get it and on time.

A Wall Street broker who figured in the Hood River PUD episode of a couple of years ago is now being investigated because of his attempt to set up a sort of super-PUD yielding large organization fees to its promoters. This energetic gentleman has amassed quite a fortune in the game of establishing PUDs over the country. His Hood River scheme, which would have paid him a seven figure fee, failed by an eye-lash and the subsequent adverse publicity interfered with his Washington operation. He had to leave for greener pastures shortly afterwards.

Our 1945 legislature passed a regulatory bill requiring approval by the legal voters before power lines serving them can be taken over. The bill also provides for a hearing be-

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel Friday, July 24, 1925)

C. E. Mulkey Instantly Killed By Falling Tree Last Friday—The people of Coquille were shocked and stunned when word of the tragic death of C. E. Mulkey, county superintendent of schools, was received here last Friday afternoon, about 3:30 o'clock, for Mr. Mulkey had made his home in Coquille for the past eight years and they honored and respected him as one of our squarest and most upright citizens, a kindly Christian gentleman, who was above board in all his dealings and in whom they placed implicit trust. Halfway between the ferry at North Bend and the viaduct over the S. P. tracks a tree in the Simpson park was uprooted by the gale blowing at the time and it fell across Mr. Mulkey's car, killing him instantly.

Yesterday the county court made an order appointing Mrs. Martha Mulkey as county superintendent of schools to fill out the unexpired term of the late Chas. E. Mulkey.

Clarence E. Schroeder, who fell from the barn on his ranch at Arago and ruptured a lung Wednesday noon, recovered consciousness yesterday morning and apparently has a good chance of recovery.

Harold Gould, John Seeley, James Gelbraith and Hal Howell arrived home Sunday morning from Camp Lewis where they put in a very en-

joyable and profitable month at the Citizens' Military Training camp.

In some ways this is the poorest year for crops the Coquille valley farmers ever experienced. We refer to cut worms and the army worms. County Agent Richards this morning said that he has helped save hundreds of acres from the devastation of these worms this summer, where the poison was spread before the fields were destroyed. In the grass fields the poison mash cannot be used on account of stock. The cut worm hatches from the eggs of the white moth which you see flying about lights at night. The army worm is a product of a large brown moth.

If appearances mean anything Spurgeon Hill will have the finest street paving in town. Tuesday morning the crew began laying the asphaltic concrete there.

When the ten-ton roller was pressing the asphaltic concrete into place for the repair of Second street where the highway from Marshfield intersects, it broke through the concrete and showed a subterranean lake. The water main had sprung a leak from the steel pipe rusting out.

The Boy Scout camp near Broad-bent on the South Fork of the Coquille river will be open to all boys throughout the county between 12 and 16, Harris Ricksecker, scout executive, announces.

Russia
It is rather interesting and very instructive to listen and read about the various comments made upon White's book on Russia. Most of the comments have to do with feeling, rather than reason. It seems to me that if White or any other trained observer was to go through any larger country and take a month to do the job in and was unable to give a reasonable account of that country, his thinking plant would not be functioning in anything like a normal way.

The attempt to belittle White shows, if it shows anything, that passion, blind prejudice and anything but reason and clear thinking is controlling the expression of thought, as it usually does. This only brings out more forcibly the thought that a common viewpoint, upon which all agree and from which all can reason, is the most important thing in life, health not excepted.

In a democratic-republican form of government, such as ours, if any person made a study of any part of the country, including any large city, you would have a good view of the whole and this would seem to be true of all governments.

Take as an example the state of New York. You will find all nationalities, all living under one general government, and a general view of New York would give us a good view of the U. S. If you study the characteristics of a molecule and thoroughly understand it, you will have a good view of the substance of which the molecule is the unit. This seems to be a universal law and is just as true of government as it is of matter.

White's picture of Russia is not flattering and, if those who criticize were in Russia, they would be unable to do any criticizing. This comment would be impossible. The people of Russia can never amount to anything worth while until the spirit of free competitive enterprise is established. We are first individuals and secondarily members of a social structure. The most that could come out of Russia would be a bunch of fat slaves, with a bunch of the fattest ones at the top. Just as the cream in a quart of milk comes to the top, it would be taken by the best-fed bunch and you don't have to guess what the great mass of people would get.

This point should be clear to all: that people in general are the same at all times in all countries; it is the social structure that makes them appear different. If you could take a baby born 4,000 years ago and put it in any home in the world, no one could pick it out.

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(Miss Lella G. Miller)

For those who have been married for ten or fifteen years, have no children, but have a small farm or tract of land where the children could learn the value of food production, it would be doing a kind act if they would adopt some European orphans, two boys and two girls. Having two of the same sex would provide companionship and the same kind of interests. The children should be taught to appreciate work, care and proper home training, being taught the practical things that are essential to the maintenance of a happy and healthful life.

Here in the United States of America our population is made up of a great many adults of other nations, so there is no reason why we should not adopt foreign-born children and help humanity. Children are problems but we have problems anyhow and we should just as well be giving service to others.

I have learned that one child is not enough and to you American parents who have only one child and do not expect to have any more, I would advise the adoption of another child of the same sex as you have, born here in America. When these two are of school age, then two of the opposite sex may be adopted.

"Do unto others as you would be done by and learn the satisfaction that comes from an enriched and useful life."

New "Strato-Suit" Will Raise Flight Ceiling

Higher ceilings for aviation are forecast by the experimental development by B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio, of a new pressurized "strato-suit" which may enable flyers to penetrate further into the stratosphere than ever before. The flying costume has proved practical in pressure chamber tests equivalent to 80,000 feet, or 15 miles above the earth's surface.

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That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

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Federal Land Bank Can Now Loan 65 Per Cent Of Farm Value

Amendments to the federal farm loan act, recently passed by congress and approved by President Truman, increase the scope of lending through national farm loan associations and provide machinery for expediting procedure in connection with federal land bank loans. R. L. Strickle, secretary-treasurer of the Douglas County and Coast National Farm Loan Associations announced today.

Operating through national farm loan associations, the bank may now make loans up to 65 per cent of the normal value of a farm including its improvements, Mr. Strickle said. Prior to July 1, bank loans were limited to 50 per cent of the normal value of the land plus 20 per cent of the permanent improvements.

By the same legislation, congress extended the time for making land bank commissioner loans to July 1, 1946, and provided that the land bank may purchase commissioner notes and mortgages whenever the amount owing on them, together with any prior mortgage to the land bank, does not exceed 65 per cent of the normal value of the farm, including improvements. When the bank makes such a purchase, Mr. Strickle said, the borrower's rate of interest is reduced by one per cent to the rate at which the bank makes first mortgage loans.

Mr. Strickle explained that borrowers can pay part or all of their

loan from their own resources, including farm income, at any time without penalty, and under the new legislation the principal portion of the installments on a land bank loan may be deferred to enable a borrower to pay, in whole or in part, any indebtedness secured by a second mortgage or other lien on the farm.

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