

OREGON TIMBER WILL SHARE IN RUBBER WEALTH

Portland, Ore., Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Russell Hopkinson, director of the commercial development department of the U. S. Rubber company, said today that Oregon, with its "wealth" of standing timber, would occupy an important place in the national synthetic rubber program as the result of its processes developed for utilization of wood waste.

He pointed out that the process for manufacturing rayon from cellulose obtained from wood waste would afford the state the possibility of a strong part also in the synthetic rubber tire industry.

Commenting on the part plants producing alcohol from wood waste would play in the synthetic rubber program, Hopkinson said much of their production would be absorbed locally, thus eliminating the necessity for shipping in alcohol that could then be used for rubber manufacture.

Hopkinson was in Portland to study industrial developments in the area.

LT. HELMAN WILL INSTRUCT PILOTS

Columbus, O., Aug. 18.—Lt. Thomas A. Helman, son of Mrs. Alice N. Helman of 420 Pearl street, Medford, Ore., has reported to the AAF Training Command's Lockbourne Army Air Base to attend the Central Instructor's school for B-17 Flying Fortress pilots.

Upon completion of his course here, he will be a qualified instructor of flying for this famous army bomber.

He won his wings on May 24.

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1943, as Waco, Tex., and took his previous flying training at San Angelo, Tex.

He has since seen service as a combat pilot in the European theater of operations where he was decorated with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

TUCKER FUNERAL 11 A.M. SATURDAY

Services for Loyd D. Tucker, who passed away in Klamath Falls Monday, will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 11 a. m. Saturday with the Rev. Ward Rice officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in Brownsboro cemetery.

He was born in Bristol, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Tucker and came to Medford with his parents, when about nine, living here until 1937. At that time he moved to a ranch near Klamath Falls, where he was residing at the time of his death.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Tucker, Medford, and two sisters, Mrs. May Anning, Medford, and Mrs. Ellen E. Jacobsen, Reliance, Calif.

FIVE YEAR TERM FOR CHECK FORGER

Jack Carter Moore, charged with uttering a forged check last June was sentenced yesterday by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna to serve a term not to exceed five years in state prison. Moore entered a plea of guilty to a district attorney's information. The forgery was on a Redding, Cal., bank.

Harry R. Black, charged with obtaining money under false pretense was granted a continuance of sentence, on a plea of guilty. He allegedly passed a spurious check for \$10 on Lilly's Place, Charles L. McLaughlin, charged with passing a spurious check on A. O. Tollefson, service station operators, was granted a six months' suspended sentence.

Congress declared war formally against England on July 8, 1775.

NARCOTIC RING USED BOARDWALK BOOTH AS FRONT

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Boardwalk concessions in Santa Cruz, Calif., which solicited customers to "stab the axis" and throw darts "till you win" actually shielded operations of a nationwide narcotics syndicate with international ramifications, federal narcotics agents asserted today.

Joseph A. Manning, supervisor of the federal narcotics squad, announced the arrests of Sam Maugeri, 32, Santa Cruz concessionaire, here and of Joe ("the eye") Tocco, 43, in Chicago on charges of illegal possession and transportation of drugs. Many more arrests are expected, Manning said. The alleged syndicate, he declared, had its headquarters at Santa Cruz with "wholesalers" in every major city in the United States.

Tocco, assertedly a former New York gang leader, was arrested on an eastbound streamliner from San Francisco at Chicago with \$300,000 worth of Mexican-grown opium in his possession, Manning said. Maugeri, an alleged former member of the Italian "Black Hand" society here, has served prison terms for counterfeiting and in prohibition days for bootlegging, Manning said.

Sgt. Leslie Corey Is Inspector At Base in England

An VIII Air Force Service Command Station, England—Staff Sgt. Leslie Corey, who formerly lived in Medford, Ore., is now one of the technical inspectors at this major repair and supply depot. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Corey, now living at 1464 Marion street, Salem, Ore.

Sgt. Corey makes periodic inspections of maintenance and supply shops to see that all technical orders and regulations are complied with. The work has an important bearing in keeping this command at top efficiency and insuring that all aircraft are supplied, maintained and repaired with thoroughness.

A graduate of St. Mary's Academy in 1942, Sgt. Corey entered service in December, 1942. He attended Air Force technical schools at Sheppard Field, Tex., Fort Logan, Colo., and at Rome Army Air Base, N. Y., to become qualified for his present military duties.

SOLDIER FINED \$2.50 ON OLD SPEED CHARGE

Pvt. Jack R. McCoy, arrested last June on a charge of violation of the basic rule was assessed \$2.50 and costs on a plea of guilty in justice court yesterday. Pvt. McCoy returned here recently from a tour of duty in eastern Oregon. The state police report showed McCoy had driven through heavy evening traffic in Ashland at 50 miles per hour.

Following The Crowd

Babson Advises Against It

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., Aug. 18.—(Special Correspondence). I think it can statistically be proven that the public is usually wrong in its forecasting of real estate, commodity and investment problems. Certainly, those who "follow the crowd" lose money in the end, while those who do the opposite usually make money. Furthermore those who act differently from the "crowd" perform a real service and are entitled to a good profit for their independence and courage. Let me this week give three illustrations.

Filling Stations
Those who drive about the country today must be impressed by the number of vacant filling stations. Not only are these found in the woods, but also in the active suburbs of our cities. I am sure that every one of the thousand or more communities where my column is read has these vacant filling stations. In most cases, the pumps have either been removed or boarded up. They may be closed for lack of business or because the owner has gone into the service or important war work.

Of course it is self-evident that with cars on the road reduced by millions and with the gasoline and tire restrictions, fewer filling stations can profitably exist today than was the case before the war. On the other hand, it seems only common sense that most of these closed filling stations will open up again after the war. They then may have just as good, and perhaps better, business. Many of these filling stations are for sale at a distinct discount from their pre-war prices; they appear to me to be one of the very best bargains available today. The "crowd" are neglecting them and act as if the war would last forever, but there will be a few wise persons who will soon begin to pick them up. In some cases, the purchasers will operate them themselves; while in others they will sell them at a good profit.

Vacant Stores
As I go about various cities I am greatly impressed with the number of vacant small stores. In some cases the proprietor has been drafted into the service or has found he could make more money in war work. In other cases the help problem and the difficulties of securing merchandise have compelled the closing of the store. Probably 250,000 of these stores have been closed during the past three years. In the meantime, the total retail sales of the country have constantly been increasing.

Most of these stores will reopen at a profit. The proprietor of a small store has many advantages over the owner of a large store. The small store proprietor usually leases, and hence is in a position to change his location when circumstances make it desirable. He is exempt from the various labor restrictions and taxes to which the large store is subject. Most important, he can

buy nationally advertised, single priced goods and sell them in competition with the chain and other larger stores. Furthermore there always will be a large number of people who wish to deal with a small neighborhood store rather than be lost in a large department store or chain store. The "crowd" are now neglecting these vacant stores; but the few wise people who are re-renting them and starting a small business will some day be rewarded.

Getting Jobs
I do not criticize anyone for giving up a good peace job to go into war work if the motive is patriotic. When, however, the motive is to get more money I believe that the person is merely "following the crowd" and will sooner or later regret having made the change. Already many of these people are seeing their mistake and are trying to get back to peace jobs. Certainly, this is not a patriotic thing to do except with the approval of the local U. S. Employment Service.

Those who have been loyal to their old employers and have not "followed the crowd" into new jobs, just to get more money, will soon feel re-paid for their loyalty. Hence, whether we consider real estate or businesses or jobs, the most satisfaction in the end comes to those who refuse to "follow the crowd." Integrity, industry and vision pay good dividends when we take time to study the facts and have the courage to act upon our decisions.

PORTLAND OUTFIT IN LEGION FINALS

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Fighting bunch of American Legion junior baseball players from Payette, Ida., will face an unbeaten Portland, Ore. club in a final game here today for the region one title forcing the Oregonians to a 2-2 tie last night.

Both teams lived up to their championship reputations in a thrill-packed game that ended in a deadlock after one extra inning because of darkness. The Idaho boys, who dropped a first-round contest to the Oregon team, came back strong last night to keep in the running for playoff honors.

WILLIAM L. TRURMAN PASSES IN SEATTLE

William L. Thurman, a resident of Medford passed away in a Seattle hospital earlier in the week. Funeral services will be held in Seattle and interment will follow in Siskiyou Memorial Park here. A complete obituary will be published as soon as the arrangements can be completed by the Perl Funeral Home.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

Dracula of Films Also Fiendish At Home Says Wife

Hollywood, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—Bela "Dracula" Lugosi, monster fiend, and madman of scores of movies, was an inhuman husband at home, ex-actress Lillian Arch said today in a divorce suit.

The cruel treatment of the man who drives his movie victims mad with a scowl left her with impaired health, her happiness destroyed, and surrounded by a miserable and discordant home life, she said.

They separated Aug. 16 on Lugosi's return from a six-months engagement in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

They were married Jan. 31, 1933, and have a six-year-old son.

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