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Ranger District

On Wednesday of this week, the first fresh huckleberry pie of the season was served at Beckie's cafe at Union Creek. It was fit for a king.

There is a good huckleberry crop in the forest this year, and we were advised that most of it would be ripe within the next few days. The annual influx of pickers is expected at Huckleberry City and elsewhere in the higher elevations.

Throughout the Rogue River National Forest, the recreation season is in full swing. Campers in tents and trailers are visible in all the forest camps, and tourists' cars (most of them with the yellow and black California license plates) swarm along the main-travelled highways.

A "SHOW ME TRIP" for members of the forest's advisory council this week revealed these and many other things. The job of managing the forest, the property of the people of the United States, is a complex and never-ending job.

The Union Creek district, comprising 131,023 acres lying west and northwest of Crater Lake National Park, contains not only choice and beautiful recreational sites, but also vast stands of merchantable timber, grazing land, watersheds (the upper Rogue River is a principal feature of the district), and wildlife (we spotted several deer during the day, as well as a variety of other small animals and birds).

How to protect, manage, administer all these sometimes-conflicting resource uses, for the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run — this is not a simple thing to do.

DISTRICT Ranger Asa (Bud) Twombly is the young man responsible for this job. He is responsible to his superiors in forest headquarters, and ultimately to the people of the nation as a whole.

It is a job requiring many things—a love of the forests; scientific knowledge about them and the dangers, human and otherwise, that threaten them; a working knowledge of logging and road building and camping and hunting and berry picking and the habits of wild things; enthusiasm; an ability to get along with a wide variety of people; skill in administration—all these and many more are required of a successful forest manager.

Questions from members of the group put Bud Twombly through his paces on all these matters, and he had the answers.

CONSIDER, for instance, the superlatively beautiful views from the highway between the Crater Lake Junction and Diamond lake: the twin crags of Rabbit Ears, the winding, rushing Rogue River, the sweeping stands of timber, green at close up but fading into blue in the distance.

These beauties, together with the fishing, camping, swimming, picknicking, berry picking and so on that are associated with them, constitute not only a great pleasure to native and tourist alike, but as a result are of considerable economic importance to the area.

On the other hand, they also contain millions of board feet of merchantable timber — another mainstay of the economy.

How are the two to be reconciled?

IN THIS particular case, the area has been designated as a "landscape management area," where the "key value" is recreation. But this does not, of itself, preclude the harvesting of timber. The logging, however, is done with the key value in mind. Individual trees can be cut when they are overmature, or provide a hazard, or are diseased.

And, so long as they are not visibly ugly from the roadside, areas can even be clear-cut, if the best forest management practices indicate this should be done.

Other areas, where timber production is the key value, are managed primarily for that purpose—while, at the same time, the forest ecology, water production, and other values are kept in mind and protected.

BY THE same token, methods of cutting depend on a large variety of factors — typography, soil type, tree species, whether a stand of trees is all of much the same age or not, condition of the stand, access roads, economic factors, and others.

For instance, it is now a policy in the Rogue River National Forest, when cutting timber, to leave a strip of trees along both sides of all stream banks. This avoids damaging blockage of stream flow, and in addition tends to keep water temperature down — a vital factor for fish life in the lower Rogue.

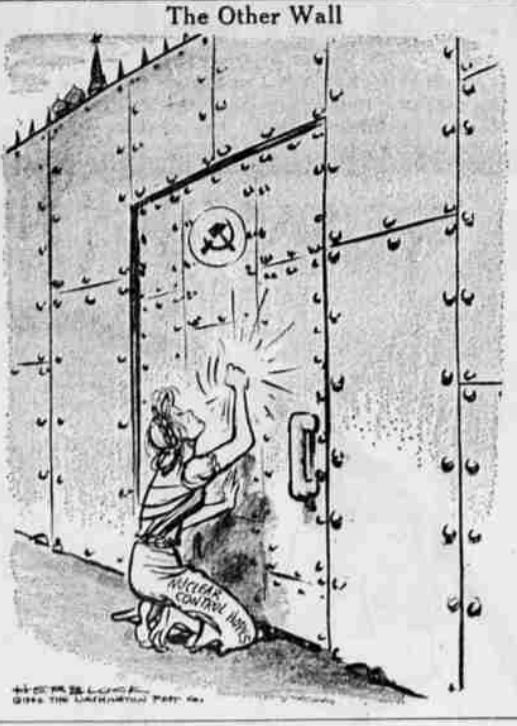
This factor alone can affect the method and location of many logging operations.

MOST of these same problems, in varying degree, plus certain others not found in the Union Creek district, exist in the other ranger districts of the forest—Prospect, Butte Falls, Ashland and Applegate.

It is a matter of intense gratification that the job of managing the forest—so important to us all and the rest of the nation in so many different ways—has attracted as many men of the type it has, men of intelligence and dedication like Bud Twombly and his colleagues here and elsewhere.

It is far from an easy job. It is demanding and must often be frustrating.

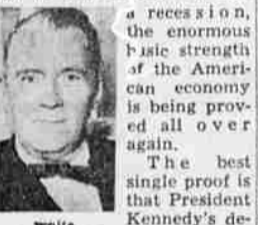
But it must also have rewards far beyond the modest civil service salaries the government pays — inner as well as outer rewards. We'd all be the poorer if it didn't.—E.A.



Washington Report

By William S. White (c) United Feature Syndicate

NOT SO BAD Washington — In spite of so much that so many have done to talk the country into a recession, the enormous basic strength of the American economy is being proved all over again.



The best single proof is that President Kennedy's decision not to seek a tax cut, this year at least, has been followed by a general improvement, rather than the reverse, in the business outlook. Even the stock market has perked up a bit.

True enough, the President's disinclination to ask Congress for such a reduction was perhaps based as much on political as on economic factors. Specifically, he was aware that the most powerful men on Capitol Hill were not at any rate prepared to go along with any general reduction.

WE HAVE been grudgingly admitting in low mutters that on their own real merits things aren't so bad — but then we have hurried on to shout: "But just look how much better they could be!"

Fully admitting the desirability of setting our sights ever higher, have we not adopted a certain perfectionist attitude? Have not the economic sophisticates rather oversold a vision of grand pie in the sky which makes our really fairly decent bread-and-butter diet more tasteless than it need be, or is?

Practical business men surely think we have. A country banker friend in a typical Virginia community puts it this way: "They tell me things are pretty bad and that our 'rate of growth' and all that is highly unsatisfactory. Perhaps they are right. All I know is what is happening around here. And what is happening around here is that our little business is up \$200,000 from last year — and \$400,000 from two years ago. I don't know what the rate of growth ought to have been; but I am sure not crying about what it has been."

LARGE COUNTY Tucson — This Arizona city is located in Pima county which is larger in area than Rhode Island, Connecticut and Delaware in their combined domains.

GUARANTY TRUST finds improvement ranging from "modest to good" in retail

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

AN ENTERPRISING young columnist down South has been profiting by a neat labor-saving device—until last month, that is. When he was too lazy to turn out copy on his own, he simply would cut out Bob Considine's New York column of the day previous and reprint it word for word, adding at the end some penetrating comment like, "I heartily agree with Mr. Considine, or 'Does the reader go along with this interesting theory?'"



Two Amherst students dearly prize a sign they purloined one dark night from an out-of-the-way hotel in Detroit. It proclaims, "Guests are positively forbidden to take lady friends up the back way. The stairs have just been painted."

Nick Morgan tells of a bather on a chilly, overcast morning who ordered hot coffee from a beachside snack bar. "Cream or sugar?" asked the waitress. "It doesn't matter," shrugged the bather. "I'm going to pour it on my feet."

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Coming Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference Could Be Crossroads Affair

By PETER KNOX United Press International London — While shooting grouse on the Yorkshire moors these past few days, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan must have been thinking hard about the approaching gathering of Commonwealth prime ministers.

There is little doubt the meeting in London on Sept. 10 of the 15 leaders will be a crossroads affair. Unless the conference is carefully handled, the whole concept of the Commonwealth as a loose-knit body with a common heritage and the same broad aim in world affairs could be threatened.

The last Commonwealth meeting in March 1961 was a hectic affair, and ended with South Africa quitting. The September parley promises to be equally controversial. The 15 nations coming are Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ghana, Malaya, Nigeria, Cyprus, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika, and newly independent Jamaica and Trinidad — a United Nations in miniature covering people of many races and widely differing political beliefs.

The pop-popping of Macmillan's holiday shooting is nothing compared to the heavyweight sniping that has been going on between various members of the Commonwealth. Traditionally when the prime ministers gather in London for their meetings—there have been 10 since the war—they hold their discussions in an informal atmosphere behind closed doors.

In this way behind-the-scenes rows are covered up, and the delegates are free to talk. This time, however, there has been such advance publicity given to Commonwealth differences it is going to be difficult to keep any major clashes quiet.

The main theme is going to be Britain's bid to join the European Common Market, about which the old white dominions have deep suspicions.

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H. H. To the Editor: E.A.'s editorial, "Eliminate August," appears to be a wonderful solution to the problem for us bothered with the H. H. H. H., or "horrible head," as Elsie, a friend of mine, calls it, belongs to us with spring to winter allergies.

The pharmacist gets rich and we get poor buying the pills and capsules to keep our horrible heads from feeling so horrible. When August arrives we count the days until the first frost. The pill bottles put away and our H.H.s feeling wonderful again, we are like dead bodies come to life.

A young lady (she had no H.H.) working in a drug store where I had a prescription filled, was laughing because so many people come in, dump out a purse full of empty bottles and was amazed they could take so many pills. May she never get the H.H. Mrs. Delbert T. Casey Route 1, Box 358 Central Point, Ore.

Taxes Refunded To the Editor: I wish to express the appreciation of the Commission for the excellent cooperation extended by your newspaper in our campaign this year to deliver previously undeliverable income tax refund checks to taxpayers in your area.

Your publishing of the list of these taxpayers, along with their last known addresses, has resulted in many of the checks going to their rightful owners, who otherwise would probably not have received them.

The cooperation of your newspaper and 26 others throughout the state has made it possible for us to deliver approximately 950 checks representing some \$13,000. Our information director, Larry Warren, joins the Commission in thanking you for your help.

C. H. Mack Chairman Oregon State Tax Commission Salem, Ore.

Meter Nuisance To the Editor: If there have been any lingering doubts in anyone's mind about the folly of retaining parking meters on Medford's downtown streets, Mrs. W. C. Malone's letter in the 8/21 MT should have dispelled them. She certainly made clear their inconvenience to shoppers and others having business in the area, and to visitors who also may be prospective shoppers — or would like to be, if they could find a place to park without being taxed for it.

Even more importantly, in the long range view of Medford's economic future, Mrs. Malone gave pointed illustrations of how merchants in other cities — even in Medford — have been forced to move to outlying sections where they could assure their patrons adequate and free parking facilities; and how

among the passengers, somewhere between the floor and the ceiling, saying a cheering word here and there, and asking if you'll have another helping?

FROM Washington: Senator Javits of New York is planning to introduce a resolution that would open Senate debates to coverage by radio and television. He thinks camera coverage should bring Congress closer to the people, thus resulting in a better informed citizenry.

At the very least, he says, radio-television coverage should be tried on an experimental basis.

MAY HEAVEN forbid it! It's not that there is anything wrong with radio and TV. They are legitimate news media.

There are too many prima donnas in the Senate already. Bringing in the cameras and the mikes would make them actors out of ALL of them.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Speaking at a press conference held at Moscow University for the Russian comenants, the president of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences says the space twins "were able to float freely around the cabins of their space ships."

When your tray is deposited on the little table that drops conveniently down in front of you, will it STAY PUT? Or will it go FLOATING OFF? And, if it goes floating away, how will one retrieve it? Will one just go floating off after it, hoping for the best?

WELL! Well! When comes the time for interplanetary space travel, the tourist will have much to look forward to. For example:

When he begins to get a bit stiff from sitting too long in one position, he can unbuckle his seat belt, let go all holds and just FLOAT AROUND.

AND THE appetitv. Will they stay right side up? Or will they tip over? And, if they tip over, will they SPILL? Or, with no gravity out there in space, will they remain filled — either upside down or right side up? And, with no gravity to cause them to pour, how will they be consumed?

AND THE pretty stewardesses. Will they go floating around

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1952 (Sunday) A 1948 armed robbery finally cleared up in circuit court. Louisanna man sentenced to four years in state penitentiary; two others sentenced earlier.

Silver iodide cloud-seeding over southern Oregon's Cascade watershed last winter "apparently had an important positive effect" on precipitation.

20 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1942 (Monday) Medford ministers meet to discuss value to be gained from curfew ordinance in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "A dimout was staged by the moon last night at the appointed time, 8:01 p.m., as advertised and without waiting for a crowd to assemble. It was a successful and well-staged eclipse."

30 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1932 (Wednesday) Channel is dug in Canfield riffle, near mouth of the Rogue river, to allow salmon to swim into the river.

John C. Mann is elected president of the Allied Welfare association; other officers are M. B. Jarmin, Mrs. Carol J. Parker and Mrs. Alice Coplin.

40 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1922 (Thursday) Jesse Winburn buys Granite City hospital, presents it to City of Ashland with "few strings attached."

E. G. Trowbridge is cited in the national press for his invention of a small quartz mill for use by small miners at a nominal cost.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 24, 1912 (Saturday) Rogue River Commission company announces it will erect two-story brick warehouse at 11th and Front sts.

Henry O'Malley, superintendent of government hatcheries, visits Medford and trout plantlets the eastern brook trout and its tributaries will exceed steelhead trout in size.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

- 1. What are the two outlets to the Mediterranean sea?
2. What is a natatorium?
3. How many quarts are there in a common United States bushel?
4. What is another (and popular) name for the star Polaris?
5. What is the capital of Bermuda?
6. If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will three hens lay in eight days?
7. Who wrote the novel "The Razor's Edge"?
8. In what group of Pacific islands is Guam?
9. Who invented the lightning rod?
10. What do the letters ff indicate in a musical composition?
Answers: 1. Suez Canal and Strait of Gibraltar. 2. Indoor swimming pool. 3. Thirty-two. 4. North Star. 5. Half-bushel. 6. Sixteen. 7. Somerset Maugham. 8. Marianas. 9. Benjamin Franklin. 10. Fortissimo (very loud).

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every year." As I recall it, the elimination of bootlegging was one of the chief arguments in favor of repeal of the Prohibition amendment, yet, according to Lewis S. Rosensteel, board chairman of Schenley Industries, Inc., one of the world's largest liquor manufacturers, "an average of 20,000 illicit stills are being sized every year by Federal, state and local enforcement agencies, about the same average as during Prohibition."

And no doubt the liquor interests are also proud of a national situation so pointedly stated by Paul Harvey, well-known ABC news commentator, "The threat of alcoholism to our nation is greater than the threat of Communism. History records that 19 out of 20 civilizations fell because of moral decay from within and alcohol was a contributing factor."

When, oh, when will we who claim to be patriotic citizens awake to the fact that we must do something to halt this national menace, instead of meekly joining the cocktail parade and considering it "a mark of distinction" to do so?

How many of us will have the patriotic courage to say, "I will not partake of alcoholic beverages, and I will do all I can to discourage their use."

A. Ray Neptune Rogue Valley Manor Medford.

Apologies To Kipling To the Editor: The following poem was received through the mail recently. I thought some who may not have read it before would enjoy it, so am taking this chance that you will print it.

If you can keep your head when all about you UNESCO seeks to muddle and deceive; If you can trust yourself when "pinkies" doubt you because you love your Country and believe Its Constitution is the best that ever Was drawn to guard the liberties of man, And that Americans must all endeavor To keep it safe and solid if they can . . .

If you won't let the UN be your master, If you won't make world if government your aim; If you can fight the sinister disaster Of letting spies and traitors win the game— If you are loyal to the land that gave you Your freedom and the chance to fight and win, And count upon its Bill of Rights to save you From tyranny and slavery and sin . . .

If you respect your Flag and love your Maker And pray that He will guide you to do right, And do not let the first high-sounding faker Convince you white is black and black is white— If you stand up and say you love Old Glory And show that you're an American with guts . . . Baby, you'd better get yourself a lawyer. For "Mental Health" is out to prove you're nuts!

Author unknown — with apologies to Rudyard Kipling. Mrs. Ernest Santo 204 Lorier Lane Medford.

Hood River County Program Approved Washington — The Area Redevelopment Administration has approved an overall economic development program for Hood River county, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), said today.

Such approval is essential before aid for any specific project in the county can be granted under the area redevelopment program.