

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A FOREIGN ROADSTER rounded a corner on two wheels, finally wrapped itself around a telephone pole. A sweet young thing climbed out of the wreckage. "Yip-pee," she cried. "That's what I call a kiss!"

From "Doc" Mack in Atlanta comes the story of two cub scouts whose younger brother fell into a lake. The two scouts rushed home with tears streaming down their countenances. "We tried to give him artificial respiration," sobbed one to their mother, "but he kept getting up and walking away."



Paper Tycoon Sam Himmell suffered a loss in his staff last week: a girl in his accounting department quit to marry a rich Wall Streeter. "I honestly didn't want to marry him for his money," she confided to Mr. H., "but there just wasn't any other way to get it."

A Minneapolis 5-year-old smelled a pancake breakfast being readied in the kitchen. "Mom," he called out happily, "my stomach is smacking its lips!"

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Hatfield Protests Proposed Changes In Timber Taxation

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Washington - (Special) - Gov. Mark Hatfield has told Congress that the Kennedy Administration's proposed tax changes governing timber sales "would severely jeopardize our primary industry — and, therefore, the entire economy of Oregon."



Smith Committee, which will soon start drafting a new tax bill, Governor Hatfield urged the committee "to oppose any change in the present tax treatment of timber and federal law."

The Treasury Department has asked Congress to abolish virtually all capital gains treatment of profit from timber sales by private timber owners. This would constitute an increase from the present 25 per cent capital gains rate to the proposed 47 per cent rate for corporate income rather than a tax cut to the proposed 22 per cent capital gains level. The forestry products industry throughout the nation is fighting against this proposal.

Hatfield pointed out that wood products industries account for about 60 per cent of the total Oregon manufacturing payroll, engaging about 100,000 persons out of an employed labor force of 690,000. He said the value of products of Oregon forests now reaches \$1.2 billion as compared with about \$316 million in 1943, just before the current capital gains feature was adopted.

Major Factor
The capital gains feature has been a major factor in the growth and competitive modernization of the industry, as well as the incentive for improved conservation of private timberlands, the governor maintained. Prior to its adoption in 1944, "private timberland owners showed little interest in tree planting, protection and improvement of young

growth, and proper forest management. Today extensive tree planting and conservation programs have been developed.

"Due to the extended growth cycles, the investor in progressive forest management must wait for a period of years — from 35 to 100 — to receive even the first dollar back on his investment," Hatfield noted. "After trees reach maturity and are harvested the investor, under present economic conditions and present tax law, receives only a minimal return — approximately 4 per cent. Obviously, investments

of this long-term nature must be competitive in the market for capital funds. Deprivation of minimal return on timber investment through excessive taxes at time of harvest would leave the timber industry without available capital funds to invest in reforestation for the future. This is the situation which the people of Oregon, and other timber-dependent states, must face."

More Research
Hatfield told the committee that the capital gains rate also has helped promote more research into fuller utilization of timber, so that instead of

a single-use industry geared primarily to lumber it now produces numerous products and "research in the wood chemical field indicates that the forest products industry is on the threshold of an exciting new array of products from wood."

From 1943 to 1962, the governor said about \$825 million has been invested in modernization and construction of new plywood, pulp and paper, hardboard and particle-board plants and chemical pilot plants, based on years of planning and the encouragement of the present tax treatment of timber.

"Disruption of the present tax law would cause severe hardships to owners of timber and manufacturing facilities," he added. "Industry would be forced to seriously re-examine its entire operating plans and to take whatever steps necessary to insure a rate of return comparable to the rate of return in other enterprises."

"In all probability the result would be unstable employment, severe impairment of state and local tax bases, damage to industries dependent upon the forest industry, and long-range stagnation of Oregon's economy."

Would Aggravate Problems
"The tax law change would aggravate and accentuate the current competitive problems already caused by increased Canadian lumber imports, the differential in cost of water shipments to the East Coast, and dollar exchange advantages to Canadians."

"Of even greater concern, the proposed tax change would scuttle most of the important reforestation and tree farming programs in this state to the detriment of future generations of people of this country," the governor concluded.

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Superstructure of Astoria Bridge on Highway Bid List

Salem — (UPI) — The highway department will open bids April 23 for 24 projects estimated to cost \$22.8 million — one of the largest bid lettings in the history of the department — it was announced Tuesday.

Largest project on the list is the steel superstructure of the Astoria bridge, estimated at \$10 million. Also scheduled is the Desdemona Sands viaduct section of the same bridge.

Other projects, by county:
Baker — Concrete bridge on Slaughter House rd.
Coos — New bridge over the canal between Ten Mile lake and North Ten Mile lake.

Douglas — Four projects: Anlauf-Elkhead road section, 7.24 miles paving and grading; Elkhead road-Yoncalla interchange section, 4.9 miles paving, grading and structures; steel bridge over the North Umpqua river four miles north of Roseburg; three bridges on the Conn Ford county road four miles northwest of Roseburg.

Gilliam — Two structures on the Quinton-Arlington section of the Columbia river highway.
Jackson — Installations at the Valley of the Regus state park; grading and paving on Pine st. in Central Point.

Klamath — Overnight camping facilities at Collier Memorial state park.

Lane — Structure to carry Egge rd. over Interstate 5 at the Coburg quarry slide section of the freeway.

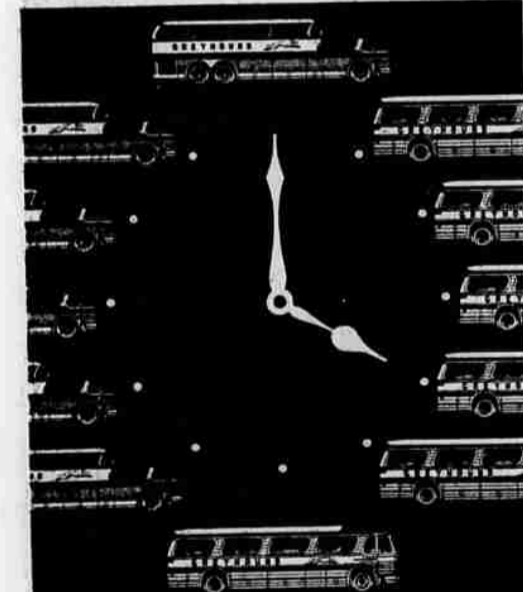
Linn — New bridge over Wiley creek.

Linn and Marion — Painting of two steel trestles over the North Santiam river.
Multnomah — Five projects: grading 1.18 miles of SE Stark st.; paving same section; bridge over the Columbia slough; signs and temporary traffic signal on the North Shaver st. — Morrison bridge interchange; painting of Grand and Union ave. crossings over the Banfield Freeway.

Polk — Grading and paving of 5th st. in Independence.
Union — Grading and oiling on the Spout Springs slide section of the Weston-Elgin highway.

Washington — Traffic signal installation at intersection of Watson st. and Allen ave. in Beaverton.

Wheeler — Grading and stone base work on the Meyers Canyon — Mitchell section of the Service creek — Mitchell highway.



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Richard Burton, Wife Separate

New York — (UPI) — Richard Burton's wife flew into the city Tuesday night, leaving her husband behind in London with Liz Taylor and announcing a mutual agreement to separate.

Notice of the separation between Burton and his wife, Sybil, was released by Mrs. Burton's lawyer, Aaron R. Froesch, shortly after Mrs. Burton flew here from Europe with the couple's two daughters.

Froesch's statement said that all financial and other arrangements between the couple had been concluded but that "divorce has not been considered or discussed."

There was some confusion as to the purpose of Mrs. Burton's visit here.

Froesch's announcement said she had arrived in New York "to visit Philip Burton, Richard Burton's father, for the Easter holidays. However, Burton was born Richard Jenkins in Pontrhydfelen, South Wales, the son of a Welsh coal miner.

Informed sources said the Philip Burton in question was the actor's high school teacher and foster-father who taught him to speak English without a Welsh accent.

Mrs. Burton's whereabouts have not been revealed and Philip Burton has been unavailable for comment.

Lawsuit Against Kennedy Settled

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Four damage suits against President Kennedy and others stemming from an accident during the 1960 Democratic National convention here were settled out of court, it was learned Tuesday.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said the suits, asking a total of \$450,000 in damages, were settled for \$17,750.

Mississippi State Sen. Hugh Bailey, Circuit Judge Walter O'Barr Jr., plantation owner William H. Austin, and Mrs. Jimmie Lee Hills, wife of the political editor of a Jackson, Miss., newspaper, had filed the suits in connection with a traffic accident July 12. The car in which they were riding at the time had been rented by the then Sen. Kennedy.

The President was not involved personally in the accident. Codefendants in the action included a car agency, drivers of the two cars involved and Leo Racine, who accompanied the delegates on their way to a Perle Mesta party.



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