

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

GALLSTONE JUNIOR—NEWEST AND YOUNGEST DOCTOR IN TOWN—SO FAR HASN'T HAD MUCH BUSINESS DURING THE DAY....

BUT—LET IT NOT BE SAID THAT HE IS IDLE—YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT THE EARLY-MORNING CARRIAGE TRADE HE'S DEVELOPING....



American Lumber Industry Enjoying Sound Conditions

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Mail Tribune

WASHINGTON — The American lumber industry is enjoying financially sound conditions after the second most prosperous year since 1957, according to an analysis of the industry by Dun and Bradstreet.

Despite mixed feelings from different geographical areas regarding increased profit squeezes, the lumber industry enjoyed its second most prosperous year since 1957, the report stated.

The report ranked Weyerhaeuser Co. well out in front among the leaders with a \$30 million profit on sales of \$543.1 million. Next it listed Georgia-Pacific with \$19.1 million in profits on sales of \$324.9 million. United States Plywood followed with \$12 million in profits on sales of \$301.8 million.

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Western Lane Road To Coast Given Approval

What threatened at one time to be a major controversy between various levels of government and perhaps between various agencies of the Federal government appeared to be finally resolved. The result should be, in about a year, a road in Western Lane county, leading to one of the most scenic of the still inaccessible beach areas of the Oregon Coast.

Congressman Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) was notified by Bureau of Land Management Director Charles Stoddard that arrangements are now complete to construct a five-mile road from Florence to the south jetty of the Siuslaw river.

Agreements on rights of way for such a road were arrived at following a negotiating session in Eugene last May 20, attended by representatives of Congressman Duncan, the Forest Service, the Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, Lane county, the City of Florence and the Siuslaw Port Commission.

"I think that officials of all these groups, and Getty in particular, should be commended," Duncan said, "for their spirit of cooperation and public service in coming to a prompt agreement on the construction of this road, which is important as a major step toward establishing the south beach and jetty area of the Siuslaw as a recreational development."

Hoyt Describes Tax Program As Best Could Be Accomplished

A member of the Oregon House of Representatives Taxation committee Monday described the \$80 million tax increase bill passed by the last legislature as "the best that could be accomplished."

Addressing a joint meeting of the Jackson County Republican Women's Federation and the Medford Chamber of Commerce Roundtable at North's Chuck Wagon, Dick Hoyt (R-Benton) cautioned that "if the bill is defeated, the whole state—and education in particular—will suffer."

Hoyt, a Corvallis businessman and a veteran of three sessions of the state legislature, was introduced to the group of over 150 persons, by Mrs. Evelyn Nye, former representative from Jackson county.

The speaker said he had encountered "a lot of confusion" about the proposed tax increase, particularly among signers of the referendum petition.

"I am appalled that there are so many people who want to keep their cake and eat it, too," he said.

He said he believed many of the petition signers were persons who favored a sales tax. "I am confident a sales tax measure will appear on the ballot in 1964," he said, "but initiative for it will be generated outside of the legislature."

Instead of working to defeat this year's tax bill, those who favor a sales tax might divert their energies toward doing something constructive for the state of Oregon," he said.

Hoyt said he had heard opponents of the tax increase measure say that "as soon as the legislature is called back into session, something ought to be done about the State Industrial Accident Commission, the fish and game commission and the state highway commission."

The legislator hastened to explain that the funds which sup-

port those three agencies are not involved in the tax measure, which will go before the voters Oct. 15.

Hoyt said Oregon, which he described as a "high service state," got into its "predicament" partly because there has been no change in the tax structure since 1957.

In 1961, he said, the state had a surplus of \$33 million, but by 1963, the surplus was gone, and the state actually had to retrieve about \$5 million from Veterans Administration funds

and transfer the money to the general fund. Hoyt said that in spite of an increase of expenditures, Oregon had the smallest increase in the general fund budget this year than in any time during the last 10 years.

He cited recent state budgets to illustrate his point. Governor Holmes' budget in 1957-58 showed a general fund increase of 27.1 per cent; the Hatfield budget in 1959-60 had an increase of 11 per cent; the Hatfield 1961-62 budget was up 17.2 per cent; but this biennium's increase was only up 10.3 per cent, he said.

He pointed out that this year's increase of 10.3 per cent was even lower than the increase in 1959-60, which was the year of the "hard-fought" campaign between Holmes and Hatfield in which "economy" was one of the principal issues.

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Four Out of Five Have Home Loans

NEW YORK (UPI) — Want a good bet? Next time five home owners under 45 years old congregate, the chances are that four of them will be paying off mortgages. They will be among some 9 million heads of families in their age group living in mortgaged single-family houses.

This information comes from William J. Levitt, president of Levitt and Sons, incorporated, who says "the young man with a mortgage on his home is right in step with the housing economy of our times."

Encounter Confusion

The Klamath county medical examiner's office said Monday that it has been unable to identify a man whose body was found near Gilchrist Friday afternoon.

The office said the man, who appeared to be in his 50s, had been dead for at least two months.

His badly decomposed body was found near a railroad siding by a railroad worker. State police said he apparently had fallen off a train.

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EAGER TO MARRY ROMFORD, England (UPI) — Sandra Shoultz, 15, wearied of being single. "I could never wait to be old enough to get married when I was at school," she said Monday night after announcing she and her 17-year-old fiance, David Beradall, will be married in three weeks.

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