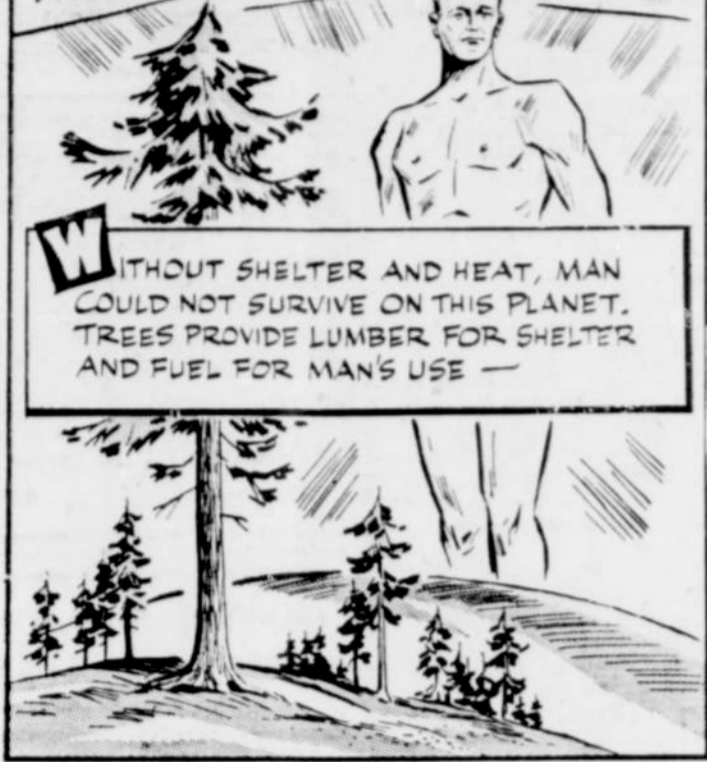


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### TREE AND MAN INSEPARABLE



Oregon and Washington lead the nation in the vast quantity of "Material X", an amazing substance found within their borders.

Material X, which renews itself as rapidly as man uses it and for which new uses are constantly found, could be one of man's greatest boons and benefactors.

Material X has great natural strength and is competitive in price with other materials intended for the same use. Its resilience permits it to absorb shocks which might injure other materials. It has fine natural insulating qualities.

It can be produced in large sizes when large sizes are needed. It can be as readily worked into items of exceptional delicacy. It stands up ruggedly under abuse. When protected from moisture, it will last indefinitely. Left in its natural state it offers an infinite variety of beautiful patterns. Painted, it presents a smooth, attractive, enduring surface. Its cellular structure causes it to absorb and deaden sound. It responds to the simplest of tools, and may be used repeatedly. It is relatively light in weight.

If Material X suddenly came from the researcher's laboratories or out of scientists' test tubes and crucibles and retorts, it would be acclaimed by all the world as the greatest discovery of man since the wheel.

The average Oregonian and Washingtonian is so familiar with it and takes it so for granted as a very part of his daily life, he probably did not recognize the description of the most plentiful of all natural resources of this region, the amazing substance called wood—Material X.

R. F. Morse, Longview, chairman of Industrial Forestry Association, said we too often forget what a wonderful substance wood really is.

Morse said the age of wood has lasted longer than any other epic era in man's history. Wood was the first material used by primitive man to feed his open fire and provide a protection for his cave from animals and cold. Through the ages wood has been man's best friend. Even with the crudest stone tools he could fashion wood into weapons, utensils, shelter and furniture.

As tools were improved and as man progressed through the stone age, the bronze and the iron age, and as he learned more of the flexibility of wood his house became larger and more sturdy. He started to build churches and multi-story structures. Wood is the oldest building ma-

terial, Morse points out, and yet the newest. He calls attention to the vast quantities of wood used in contemporary homes and structures by the most advanced designers and architects as proof that wood is still the most flexible of all materials and the only natural resource that renews itself.

The nation still uses about as much wood as it did a century ago, Morse

### 146 Killed In Traffic Accidents So Far This Year

May traffic killed at least 32 persons in Oregon and shoved the state's five-month traffic toll to 146, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported Thursday.

Eight traffic deaths over the Memorial Day holiday brought the month's total to the current figure, but state department spokesmen said it still may go higher if delayed reports are received or if persons now listed as injured in May mishaps succumb.

At present the count is still below that record for the same period last year. In 1953, the five month's total stood at 151 after May traffic collisions claimed 38 lives.

State traffic safety officials said summer traffic, always the heaviest, will call for unrelenting vigilance on the part of the drivers to prevent what they termed "highwaycide."

Safety men urge drivers to exert every possible effort to check accidents, and reminded that last year 141 people were killed in traffic accidents during June, July and August.

Ninety-four percent of the crashes would not occur if drivers adhered to traffic rules, and if they would drive defensively, analysis of state-wide records indicates.

stated, but it has found thousands of new uses while giving up some of its familiar and traditional oldtime ones. Best of all the forest leader explained, is the fact that timber is growing under consciously applied forest practices today just about as rapidly as man is using it. The time will come in the near future when managed forest lands of the nation will produce even more wood than is currently being used.

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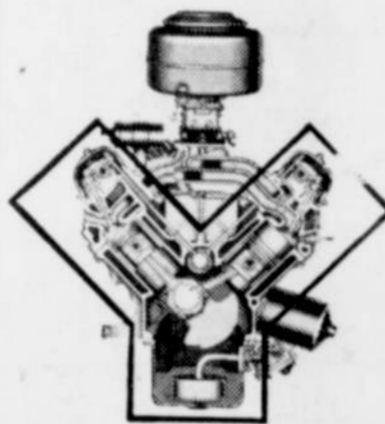
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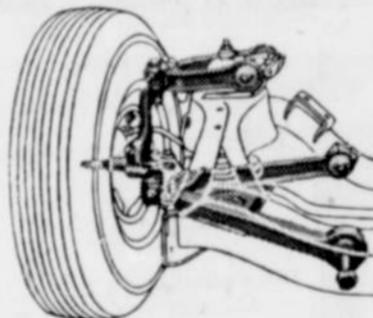
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