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Wood Schools

By CHARLES V. STANTON
Editor Roseburg News-Review
The Roseburg Woodsman in a recent issue makes a special feature of the use of wood in schools. The publication is one put out monthly by the Roseburg Lumber Company. It is an exceedingly attractive little magazine, dealing with subjects of interest to the public and to the industry in particular.

It usually contains a foreword by Kenneth W. Ford, owner, some advertising of the company's products; but, more particularly, an editorial report on the use of lumber in general.

In addition to pointing up the use of wood in school construction, the recent issue gives a big play to Oregon's Red Hat Day, an observance which brings hunters and land owners, including farmers and timber owners, into better cooperation. Visible gains are being evidenced yearly, the Woodsman declares.

But the main point of interest is found in the report on "Better Modern Schools of Wood," and the short articles dealing with the rapidly growing school market.

It is stated that school architects are authority for the statement that billions of dollars can be saved by constructing schools from wood, rather than materials generally in use.

Great saving is found in new methods of laminating, prefabricating, etc., whereby structures may be erected cheaply, quickly, with a minimum of waste, and with great strength.

The National School Board Association was told recently at its convention that the growth in school enrollment will require construction of approximately 60,000 classrooms annually.

It is quite evident that here in Southern Oregon we will need school facilities at a far greater rate than at the general national level. That is because we are growing faster than the average and because our natural resources indicate that our growth is to continue for a long time.

It is the claim of the lumber industry that modern schools are better constructed from wood than from other materials. There is, of course, dispute concerning such statement. But if schools can be built at reasonable cost from wood, and can be made of satisfactory utility and appearance, it would seem that here where wood manufacture is our primary industry, the claim should have some serious consideration.

We will be building many new schoolhouses during the next few years. We have been in the habit of erecting buildings with materials other than wood. How much can we save if we go to wood? How satisfactory is wood as a building material? These are some questions the average individual can't answer. They must be answered by architects, builders and by industry itself.

One reason we have turned to brick, concrete and steel for school construction is because of fire. We have had some sorrowful tragedies in past years. Children have died because school buildings burned.

But, for the most part, those were multi-storied buildings. When a building is three or four stories in height, it takes time for evacuation. If stairways are blocked, children are apt to be trapped. In the old days, when we had wooden buildings almost exclusively, the fire drill was an important part of the school system.

The modern school is a sprawling affair. It is one-story high. Where we once built plain, wooden structures, we now find lumber coming in fancy patterns for both inside and outside use. We find wood, combined with tile, plastic, steel, etc., to afford a very beautiful yet comfortable utility.

Our school architects are largely men who have been brought up on the fireproof idea. It will take some selling, I anticipate, to get our school buildings and architects to take up other materials. But, as pointed out by manufacturers, wood doesn't collapse as readily as other materials, it is warmer, it gives time for escape in emergencies and is, in fact, safer than some of the other materials.

A very effective campaign is being presented to send wood to school. The Woodsman, in my opinion, has made a valuable contribution to that argument.

Anniversary

By FLORENCE JENKINS
This month marks the hundredth birthday anniversary of the Mason jar. On December 1 this familiar friend of our mothers and our grandmothers enters its second century as modern as it is historic. On November 30, 1958, John Lan-

dis Mason, at the age of 26, patented the first glass container in this country with a threaded top. Thus the Mason jar is the ancestor of all glass containers with caps that screw on.

His patent represented the greatest forward step in preserving fruits and vegetables since Nicolas Appert's experiments in food preservation by sterilization 48 years earlier. Two years after Mason's 1858 patent, Louis Pasteur explained the reasons behind Appert's theories.

Mason's photograph shows him as a frock-coated, be-whiskered gentleman with piercing black eyes. His invention proved a boon to housewives everywhere, but particularly on farms and rural communities.

He was the son of a Scottish farmer and was born in Vineland, New Jersey in 1832. He was living on 19th Street in New York City, so the story goes, when he first conceived the idea of a jar which would preserve the freshness of foods he and his father had raised on their New Jersey farm.

After the Civil War, Mason moved to New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he married, established a family and went into the business of manufacturing his jars. He took out eight more patents on his jar and two on covers.

Slowly the patents grew to be 17 years old and accordingly they lapsed. The jars, which had become a true symbol of good eating, were now made and used throughout the nation. Families bought them by the dozen and stored hundreds of glass jars full of foods preserved each year during the harvest time of plenty.

Mason's wife died in 1898. Shortly thereafter, he moved to a tenement on West 168th Street in New York.

Despite his contribution to the health and well-being of countless millions of Americans, he died a charity patient at Manhattan's House of Relief on Hudson Street on February 26, 1902.

David Niven

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—David Niven resents life. Not the weary length of it, but the brevity of it.

"I want to live another 150 years," he said, "I want to go on and on, doing what I'm doing. I can't visualize myself retiring and sitting in a little house by the seashore watching seagulls."

"I resent deeply the fact I can't read all the books I want to, know all the people, see all the places."

As debonair in real life as he is on the screen, Niven believes in meeting the problems of living with a mixture of granite and quicksilver.

The handsome Scottish-born actor, after a harum-scarum, impetuous youth, settled down to become one of Hollywood's most durable players of light comedy roles.

After 6½ years of service in the British army during World War II (he emerged a colonel), he quickly resumed his star status. He was one of the first Hollywood figures to venture into television, despite a film mogul's stern warning: "If you do, you'll never work in my studio again."

"That's all right," Niven assured him. "I haven't worked in it for the last 10 years anyway."

Since then he has been busier than ever. As vice president of the Four Star Playhouse, he has helped supervise the production of nearly 1,200 TV dramas. He makes a dozen or so TV appearances a year, acts in two or three films.

In his latest, "Separate Tables," he portrays a lonely, seedy, scandal-haunted major, a role his fans may find somewhat surprising.

"I try to look for something different every time," Niven said. "My theory is that if you are

lucky enough to make a good living acting, it's better to keep working than to sit around a year waiting for the perfect script.

"You learn something every day you work."

War left a stamp on his thinking, as it does on all who spend much time in it. This is his personal philosophy:

"I think we all eventually evolve our own faith. I am convinced that heaven and hell are right where we are now—on this earth."

"Life is an enormous Grand National Steeplechase. We are given certain hurdles to get over, and certain opportunities. And if you don't spot the opportunities, you miss them."

"It really doesn't matter who is the winner; it's getting around the course that counts."

"Life is like having a garden full of lovely flowers. If we don't look after them, a horrible little weed comes up and blows a seed of unhappiness into the garden and some foul weed springs up and ruins the whole thing."

Niven right now seems like a man up to his chin in rhododendrons.

New Angles

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—Business is pulling out of the recession more mechanized than ever.

Despite the much-advertised slowdown in business spending for new production capacity, industry today boasts many new processes perfected in the last year and new short cuts in methods of doing old jobs.

The year has brought new giant tools, conveyers, mixers, electronic controls and measuring devices. The recession itself has given impetus to much of the gains and sparked much of the new automatic equipment placed on the market.

The first noticeable result has been that we are able today to produce more things with fewer men. This, on the one hand, keeps the problem of unemployment to the fore. But on the other, it has helped hold back the tide of inflation.

The new wonders run all the way from a vending machine that can make change for a dollar bill to a block of cattle salt in which is automatically imbedded a precisely measured ration of nutrients, hormones and other essentials for the well being of Old Bossy.

The currency-changing machine is made by National Rejectors Inc. of St. Louis. The automatic batching device is a product of Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

Other new examples of automation:

Rockwell Mig. Co. makes a machine which lets a customer order any desired color from among 1,152 possible choices, mixing it by spinning a dial.

Pullman-Standard has a heavy duty, highly automated seam welding machine which can cradle a 30-ton freight car, turn it around and seam-weld everything that formerly used to be riveted.

Republic Steel has highly automated equipment for enameling sheet metal. It uses an electrostatic method which draws the finishing material to the metal. It claims a more uniform, more durable, more economical and less messy process than the old one.

Neuralgia

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Written for NEA Service

It is difficult to compare one pain with another. If one has a toothache now it generally seems worse than an earache in the past. However, there are degrees of pain, and that which accompanies the first disease discussed is undoubtedly one of the worst.

Q—The doctors say I have tic

doloureux and I suffer untold agony. I have had three nerve blocks, but with little relief. At present I am taking shots, but they don't help much. The doctors say I will have to have the nerve clipped, but only as a last resort. Can you discuss this?—C.J.

A—This is a kind of neuralgia involving what is called the facial nerve, which is one of the nerves coming directly out of the brain. The cause is not known, but it does produce virtually intolerable pain.

Most of my neurosurgical friends recommend conservative—that is, nonsurgical—treatment before attempting major surgery. The latter carries some risks of course, but I believe that if I had tic doloureux and found the pain so bad, I would urge my neurosurgeon to operate promptly in spite of the risks.

Q—How is it possible to have adhesions in the upper right quadrant when one never had an operation? Please tell me what a quadrant is.—G.F.

A—The term quadrant is merely a convenience used by physicians in dividing the area of the abdomen into four portions. The upper right quadrant, therefore, means the upper right quarter of the abdomen.

Adhesions can occur as a result of inflammation as well as from operation. In other words, inflammation around the appendix or the gall bladder, for example, can lead to adhesions, even though surgery had not been performed.

Q—Can diabetes cause severe headaches and blurred vision and dizziness?—W.C.

A—Complications of diabetes involve the eye. I am less certain about the headaches and dizziness as being a complication of diabetes. However, if present, diabetes should be brought under prompt control by diet and insulin, if necessary. Other possible causes for these symptoms should be investigated.

Q—Is it true that eating the pulp and skin from citrus fruits will provide anticoagulant qualities which are good for a heart condition?—Mrs. P.

A—Citrus skin and pulp will not delay the coagulating time of the blood. Even if it did, it certainly would not be good for all kinds of heart disease. A more scientific basis of treatment is in order.

Q—When I had an operation for hiatus hernia the surgeon removed one of my ribs. Will this rib grow back?—Miss F.

A—To the best of my knowledge the rib probably will not grow back, but will be replaced by scar tissue. I understand that some experimental work has been done which indicates that the rib will regenerate if the area is surrounded by material which prevents scar tissue from growing in.

4-H Banquet

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—

The Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club would like to use your columns to thank the many firms and individuals who helped so much to make our 4-H potato banquet such a success. The youngsters that participated in the 4-H potato contest very much appreciate the interest shown by their many friends in the Klamath Basin.

Agriculture has been and will continue to be a very important part of the economy of the Basin and it is reassuring to see these youngsters prove themselves to be such excellent farmers.

We particularly wish to thank the Herald and News for the fine prize donated to the winner of the contest and the excellent publicity that the youngsters received.

Harry J. Fredricks, president, Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club

Quotes

United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — A spokesman for a Russian cultural group that visited Disneyland:

"We were very impressed. There is no equivalent of it in the Soviet Union."

BERLIN — U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio), on the Berlin crisis:

"We have right of access to Berlin and we should insist upon it. One thing the Communists respect is force. We should take a strong position and not retreat from it."

EL PASO, Tex. — Coach Wally Bullington, after he and 24 of his high school football players were thrown to the floor of a private plane that had to dive to avoid a collision with a jet trainer:

"We had a pretty good spill. I just kept hoping the bottom of that plane would come back up."

Asia's Red Leaders May Plan New Tests Of West

TOKYO (AP)—Asia's Communist leaders may be cooking up a new move to test the Western world's defenses and nerves.

The strategy may have been laid down in a series of conferences among Mao Tse-tung, Red China's boss, North Korea's Premier Kim Il Sung, and North

Viet Nam's President Ho Chi Minh. Peiping radio has assigned the central role in the talks to Kim, who visited for several days with Mao and other Red Chinese leaders in Wuhan and then journeyed to Viet Nam to meet Ho. The radio said "mutual support" was pledged "against U.S. imperialism."

There has been no other word on the purpose or results of the conferences. But the emphasis on Kim added weight to speculation that if any new move is coming—following the quieting of the Quemoy situation—it might be from North Korea.

Even during the height of the Quemoy crisis, Red Chinese leaders—and the Kremlin—kept propaganda organs harping on Korea. They called for withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea, claiming all Red Chinese troops had pulled out from the North. They kept charging South Korean President Syngman Rhee with plotting aggression against the North at American instigation.

South Korean authorities Friday banned all public meetings, claiming they had uncovered a big North Korea subversion plot which they would soon disclose.

Some of Rhee's political opponents state, however, this was a cover to force through a bill giving police more power to kill off Rhee's political opposition.

Both the Soviet Union and Red China turned their diplomatic fire on Japan Saturday, warning her against use of American military bases in Japan against Red China. A Soviet note, broadcast from Moscow, said Japan was risking involvement in a war, a Peiping broadcast was similar.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Bury Boss Ket In Snowstorm

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Famed inventor and millionaire philanthropist Charles F. Kettering was buried in a simple ceremony Friday.

The season's first snowstorm swirled around a hundred of his closest friends as the body of the automotive genius was laid to rest beside that of his wife Olive, who died in 1946.

Kettering, whose achievements include devising a practical auto self-starter, the electric cash register and antiknock gasoline, died Tuesday of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 82.

The snowstorm kept many out-of-town guests from attending the funeral of the former General Motors research chief.

BOY FINDS SELF A HERO

NEWARK, N.J. (UPI)—Five-year-old Kevin Ryan ran through the four-story apartment house he lives in Friday ringing doorbells to alert neighbors to a basement fire. No one was injured. Twenty-five persons fled to the streets, and Kevin was hailed as a hero.

Former Resident Dies Of Attack

A former Klamath Falls dentist, Dr. Clarence A. Miller, 67, who operated extensive wheat ranch properties near Pendleton, died following an unexpected heart attack in a Pendleton hospital, November 25.

He practiced dentistry in Klamath Falls from 1928 until 1936. In that year Dr. and Mrs. Miller moved to Pendleton to operate the Louis Hagen ranch and continued farming from that time until his death.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lulu Miller; a daughter, Mrs. Alva Lou Hansen, Pendleton; a sister, Mrs. Lela Todd, Lind, Washington; and three grandchildren.

NAZI TRIALS SPEEDED

STUTTGART, Germany (UPI)—West Germany is taking steps to speed up the prosecution of Nazi criminals. The Baden-Wuerttemberg State Ministry of Justice announced that a central agency for preparing and coordinating prosecution of former Nazis is being set up at Ludwigsburg near here.

Welfare Cases Show Increase

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Welfare Commission handled eight per cent more cases in October than during the previous month, Administrator Jeanne Jewett said Friday.

She said costs increased 6.4 per cent, but the department hopes to finish the current biennium ending June 30 without asking additional funds from the state Emergency Board.

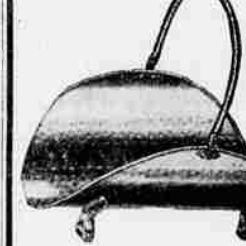
While the total case load was up only eight per cent, aid to dependent children rose 35 per cent, aid to disabled persons 25 per cent and foster home care 23.7 per cent.

These increases were not reflected in the case load total because many of them were placed under categories which receive federal aid.

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