

Forest Service Hit On Lands Policy

DENVER, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A charge that the U. S. Forest Service is "hoarding" public timber

lands under the guise of conservation" was made here by P. M. Crapo of Portland, Ore., an official of the Western Pine association.

Crapo said the general public had entirely false ideas concerning underlying reasons for a shortage of lumber for building

purposes. He addressed the annual convention of the Mountain States Lumber Dealers association.

Ideas he described as erroneous were:

1. That the nation's timber supply is being decimated without replacement.

2. That manufacturers are not interested in serving the needs of retail lumber dealers.

Crapo said that both ideas are being sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service and by the CIO Union of Woodworkers in supporting efforts to socialize the timber industry.

Crapo declared that lumber distribution in 1946 was in almost the same ratio to dealers, mill work operators and box factories as during the pre-war years.

Local officials of the Forest Service had no comment.

Births Announced at Mercy Hospital

BROWN—To Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Sutherlin February 10, a daughter, Nancy Andrew; weight eight pounds six ounces.

STEWART—To Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stewart, Roseburg, February 11, a son, Steven Andrew; weight eight pounds seven ounces.

DE BOLT—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick DeBolt, Roseburg, February 12, a son, Johnnie Jim; weight six pounds five ounces.

DE ROSS—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeRoss, Roseburg, February 12, a daughter.

MARTIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Martin, Brockway, February 7, a son, Roger Wayne; weight eight pounds.

RAGSDALE—To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ragdale, Roseburg, February 7, a son, Eddie Richard; weight eight pounds eight ounces.

HEARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heard, Lookingglass route, Roseburg, February 10, a son, James C.; weight eight pounds fourteen ounces.

GROVE—To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Grove, Sutherlin, February 9, a son, Carl Cecil; weight seven pounds two ounces.

STONE—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, Roseburg, February 10, a daughter, Shirley May; weight five pounds six ounces.

Potato Flour Boomed
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Rep. Shafer (R-Mich.), says the Agriculture Department is formulating an "educational" program to encourage greater use of cultured potato flour.

He told the House yesterday he is "convinced that this program will solve the critical potato surplus problem and save millions of dollars" annually in government price support payments.

Use of potato flour in bread, cake and other bakery products first was urged by Shafer last month.

Harbinger of Spring
Spring is "just around the corner" asserts Paul Baird, 11431 Harvard Ave., as he appeared at the News-Review office Tuesday with a bouquet of spring beauties. These early flowers, he reports, were plucked on the north side of Mt. Nebo. Baird is hoping to be first to report the season's earliest lamb's-tongue.

Observations on Congress From an Inside Viewpoint

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By a vote substantially more than the required two-thirds (285 to 121), the House passed and sent to the Senate a joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the service of any one individual as president to two terms of four years each. I consider this one of the most important measures to be acted upon by Congress in many years.

In our form of government, no one individual should ever be considered indispensable. Furthermore, our experience, over 160 years, has proven that the constitution checks and balances fail to operate for the protection of the people when the executive, who has the power of appointing members of the Judicial Branch of the government for life terms, is in office longer than eight years. During his more than twelve years in office, the late President Roosevelt appointed more than 200 federal judges, including the Supreme Court. The record shows that all but 6 per cent of these judges were registered in the President's political party. Thus, two of our three independent branches of government became too closely allied politically. As our experience has proven, this cannot happen when a president serves no more than eight years.

I hope the Senate will pass this resolution promptly, and that the amendment will be laid before the state legislatures, most of which are now in session.

The debate on the proposed constitutional amendment was a little bit on the pathetic side. Although Majority Leader Halleck and other Republican speakers stated clearly and sincerely that the proposal was intended as no reflection on any previous president (at least two Republican presidents in our history sought

nomination which would be barred by the proposed amendment), most Democrats opposed the amendment, largely, I think, because they felt its adoption would be a reflection on their great President Roosevelt.

The framer of our constitution very wisely made the process of amending it a slow and difficult one. The constitution never has been amended hastily, and amendments are few. In all, more than 4,000 proposed amendments have been suggested to Congress. More than 200 of them have had to do with the term of office of the president, but out of the 4,000 only 21 amendments have ever been ratified by the states. The amendment now under consideration will, of course, require the affirmative approval of the legislatures of 36 states.

The special subcommittee to investigate the sugar situation has just made its preliminary report to the Congress and the American people. Our committee has recommended that a per capita allotment of not less than 35 to 40 pounds be provided in 1947, as compared with 25 pounds in 1946. It has also recommended that industrial and institutional users be allowed sufficient sugar to equal 80 per cent of the 1941 base period, as compared with 60 per cent in 1946. It further recommended that the Secretary of Agriculture retain a minimum of approximately 3 million 3 hundred thousand short tons of sugar from the United States owned Cuban sugar acquisition for use of American consumers in 1947, and urged that products in the United States, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, be encouraged to increase production in 1947-48.

The annual banquet of the Oregon Society of Washington, D. C.

will be held Tuesday evening, February 18th, at the Roger Smith Hotel. More than 200 former residents of Oregon live here now, and most of them turn out for the annual meeting. Pherne Miller, niece of the famous Oregon poet, Joaquin Miller, who has lived in Washington many years, is president of the society. Carlton Savage, assistant to the Secretary of State, and one-time president of the University of Oregon student body, will be master of ceremonies.

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