

Forester Praises Court's Handling Of Timber Stands

Praise for the County Court's management of its timber resources was given by Richard Kearns, assistant chief forester of the O. and C. Administration, yesterday, in the second Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon devoted to the topic of sustained yield.

"Since Douglas County is the largest timber-owning county in the United States, it behooves us to see what the backbone of its

existence is to be," he said. "I think the County Court has done an exceptional job in administering county properties. The people have benefited materially. They (the court) have done an enormous job." He sketched briefly the court's management of its forest lands.

Kearns opened his discussion of the O. and C. sustained yield policy, by giving the historical background of the O. and C. lands. Originally granted in the 1860s to the Oregon and California Railroad, now the Southern Pacific, they were returned to government control in 1916.

Two Mistakes Pointed Out
"The mistake the railroad made in not living up to the terms of

its contract with the government) was no greater than the mistake Congress made in considering them agricultural lands, disposing of them as rapidly as possible to homesteaders," Kearns said.

The government paid the railroad company \$2.50 an acre for the reversioned lands, which had originally been granted to the railroad for nothing, he declared. The grant limits enclose a strip 60 miles wide by 300 miles long, extending through 18 Western Oregon counties from the Columbia River to the California state line.

"In 1936 and 1937," Kearns said, "the people felt the policy of liquidation of the lands was unsound. Legislators were requested to put the lands on a sustained yield basis.

"Since 1937, the O. and C. Administration has been given the task of working out a sustained yield program for these lands.

The land is divided into 12 large 'master units.' For each, a marketing area has been outlined. Timber cut within each 'master unit' is to be utilized within that marketing area.

"A year ago we held the hearing on the Slauslaw Master Unit. Hearings on the remaining master units will probably be held this summer."

The O. and C. Administration is also developing cooperative sustained yield units. There are approximately 100 of the smaller units, in which operators holding both O. and C. and private timber, voluntarily cut on a sustained yield basis.

For the purposes of sustained yield, timber is regarded as mature at 100 years.

Purpose of the sustained yield program, Kearns pointed out, is to assure community stability. About a year ago, industries in Douglas County were cutting within the ability of the forests to grow. Today, he said, the cut exceeds the ability of the forests to grow.

Selective Service System Bows Out

WASHINGTON, April 1. —(AP) — From now on the nation's youths will make up their own minds on whether they want to be soldiers.

The people who have been doing it for them since 1940 went out of business.

The selective service system, which during its time inspired "greetings" from the president to 10,022,367 men, ceased to exist except as a record-keeping agency last midnight.

Actually, however, there haven't been any draft calls since last October, and President Truman himself recommended to Congress that the Selective Service Act be allowed to die on schedule.

The Army was the chief beneficiary of the draft because the Navy, until the latter stages of the war, preferred to adhere to its precedent of volunteers only.

Thus the end of the greatest manpower mustering organization in the nation's history finds the Army with a force of 1,161,000 men. But of this total, 117,000 are "non-effectives," men who are in the process of being demobilized or ill. Beginning July 1, the average strength for the ensuing year will be 1,070,000, compared with the 8,300,000 peak figure of the war.

Popular Vote on Sales Levy Bill is Slated

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ing the State Board of Control to acquire Camp White hospital for the government for use as a state mental hospital.

There was much speculation whether Governor Snell would sign the measure, since he is chairman of the Board of Control which had recommended against taking over Camp White.

The bill to raise the cities' share of highway revenues from 5 to 10 per cent, and to increase the counties' share from 15 to 19 per cent went to the governor after the House accepted Senate amendments which cut slightly the amounts which had previously been approved by the House.

The labor regulatory bills, which provide for secret elections to determine if labor disputes exist and to ban secondary boycotts, hot cargo actions and jurisdictional disputes also went to the governor after the Senate accepted House amendments.

The Senate bill to abolish the state blind commission and transfer its work to the State Board of Control was tabled by the House Social Welfare Committee, which voted to introduce a resolution for an interim committee to study care and education of the blind.

Two Bills Signed
Governor Snell signed into law the bill to make it illegal to sell or wear honorable discharge emblems to or by a person who is not a veteran of the war.

The bill to permit consolidation of Salem and West Salem was also signed by the governor.

The measure permits consolidation of cities which are in different counties and have a river for their common boundary line.

Welfare Fund Approved
The House approved and sent to the Senate the \$43,700,000 public welfare program for the next biennium, including a provision for a maximum 4 per cent property tax to be levied by counties which need it to meet their welfare obligations. The program is about \$7,000,000 less than asked by the Public Welfare Commission.

Governor Snell signed the bill appropriating \$2,143,000 for welfare for the next three months, the action, coming only a few hours before a federal deadline, assuring that the program would not collapse during April, May and June.

No Mansion For Snell
The Senate voted 15 to 14 against giving the governor a \$50,000 mansion, and passed and sent to the governor bills to increase amusement device and pari-mutuel taxes. These bills would add \$750,000 to the general fund.

The Senate County Affairs Committee sent the county zoning and planning bill back to the Senate floor in the same form as approved by the House. The committee rejected proposals to add provisions that counties be allowed to prevent dredge miners from ruining agricultural lands.

The Senate sent to the governor a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for state police, which is twice the amount for the current biennium. The increased amount, of which \$1,000,000 comes from state highway funds, will enable hiring of 50 extra policemen to patrol the highways.

Governor Snell vetoed the bill which would have eliminated the requirement that mutual savings banks must maintain a five per cent cash reserve.

The governor said the reserve

requirement is a safeguard for depositors.

It was the second bill the governor has vetoed during the current legislative session.

He had vetoed Senate Bill 99, which permits power companies to keep their damsites during the period for which they are licensed, but the legislature passed this bill over his veto.

Governor Snell's \$500,000 annual forestry conservation and research program died yesterday under the bitter opposition of the timber industry, with opponents joining the sponsors in a move to send it back to committee in an effort to work out a new plan.

The measure, which would tax all timber cut in the state 10 cents a thousand feet, was passed by the House and Senate, but the Senate reconsidered its vote and ended up in a 15-15 deadlock.

The timber industry objected strenuously to having to pay the cost, so now the bill goes back to the Senate Forestry Committee.

The committee is expected to approve a tax on timber, but it would be used only for research, the industry agreeing with this principle.

But the committee is expected to adopt a new reforestation program to be financed by some \$20,000,000 worth of general obligation bonds. This proposal would be submitted to the people, who would have to pay for the bonds.

Sugar Ration, Price Control Hold Longer

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with Congress' mandate relieving OPA of the job, but he set up a new "sugar rationing administration" in the department made up of OPA's former sugar staff.

The bill provides 20 pounds of sugar a person for the next seven months, or an annual rate of 35 pounds, 10 pounds more than last year. It sets aside 50,000 tons for new industrial users, and continues inventory controls until next March 31, to prevent big industrial users from hoarding supplies once coupon rationing ends.

Also retained until June 30 are export controls on tractors, facilities needed to expand foreign production of commodities required in this country, and facilities certified by the Secretary of Commerce and State as necessary to meet existing foreign commitments.

Big Question Remains
The delayed action legislative job threw a sizable part of the government into an uproar from which it had not fully recovered today.

The biggest question was whether grain, rice, meat and other agricultural products could continue to be marketed out for domestic, military and foreign consumption. They were not singled out by name as were tin, anti-mony, freight cars, cordage, chin-chona bark for quinine and the drug streptomycin.

OPA yesterday increased the ceiling price of raw sugar six cents a 100 pounds and the price of refined five cents a 100.

The agency said the price hoists were too small to require any increase in the retail price.

King of Greece Dies Of Heart Ailment

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succeeded him. Soon afterward he faced his first plebiscite, was defeated, and went into exile as Greece became a republic. His exile lasted 13 years.

He was recalled by a plebiscite in 1935 after the Royalists staged a coup d'etat, and reigned but did not rule. The dictatorship of John Metaxas was in power.

The king went into exile again when Germany invaded his country in 1941, and he was last recalled by a plebiscite last September.

Reports of the king's death spread quickly but the people were suspicious at first because they thought it might be an April fool's joke.

WASHINGTON, April 1. —(AP) — The death of King George of Greece provoked today congressional action that the Greek people must guard against a Communist attempt to seize control of that country's shaky government.

The immediate reaction to the Greek monarch's death found few legislators of the opinion that it would materially affect action on President Truman's \$400,000,000 aid proposal to bulwark Greece and Turkey against Communism.

This viewpoint appeared strengthened by a report from Athens that Prince Paul, the king's brother, was to be sworn in as his successor, thus leaving the country still under the control of a monarchy.

There was no immediate comment from the White House.

San Quentin Fugitive Duels Klamath Cops

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operator, and told him to walk down the street. As the two bandits drove away, Fanning ran into the station and called police, who immediately put out a radio description of the car.

Officers Sam Malsberry and Bart Smith, driving on Main Street, spotted the bandits' automobile and gave chase. The car turned into a street which dead-ends at the government canal.

Driver Surrenders
As the cars came to a stop in this cul-de-sac, firing started. Several shots penetrated the rear of the crime car, and glass in the police car was shattered.

Jacklin, driver of the bandit car, came out with his hands up. But Payne, who had been handling the gun, dropped the weapon and jumped a fence into the darkness of the canal bank. A huge search was immediately organized, but while searchers concentrated their efforts along the canal bank, Payne apparently left that area, found the Harren car, and fled north on U. S. 97.

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