

Safety For 'Kids' Aim of Program For Douglas County

"Watch out for Kids" is the slogan set by the National Safety Council for the month of March. This was announced today by Chairman Mavis Hasbargen of the Business and Professional Women's Club safety committee, which is endeavoring to promote a safety program for Roseburg and the whole of Douglas County.

The theme will be carried out by special attention being given to problems encountered by children, such as in going to and from school. Also, bicyclists will receive helpful suggestions to assist in decreasing the number of possible accidents.

The committee emphasizes that "cyclists" should follow the same traffic rules and signalling as those to which all motorists must adhere. Further, the National Safety Council suggests that a day be set aside for special instruction of bicyclists for their own safety on streets and highways.

Motorists are urged to "watch out for kids" at all times. "Many children play on or near the streets here in Roseburg," the chairman states. "Then, why aren't they responsible for their own safety? you ask. Because the city of Roseburg has not established any definite place where children are allowed to spend their leisure hours.

"A ball rolling into the street very likely means a child will run out after it. Or, a pet dashing into the street may indicate an innocent child following.

"The slogan for this month is most fitting. Even one child injury or death on our streets is too many."

PORTLAND, March 2.—(AP)—Expansion of schools for crippled children through the state is the goal of Oregon's second annual Easter seal sale, Oregon Chairman Robert A. Hudson said today.

Hudson said the \$100,000 fund sought by the campaign would be used to expand the present hospital-school at Eugene and establish others.

He said the committee also supplies wheel chairs, braces and other equipment for handicapped persons.



Hollywood's worst fire in a decade gutted an entire city block with estimated property loss of one million dollars. Fanned by heavy winds, fire apparently broke in Lonsberry & Harris Lumber Co. (above) and residences within a mile radius were showered with sparks that set off minor rooftop conflagrations. No loss of life was reported.

Douglas Paces Other Oregon Counties in Leading Nation In '47 Production of Lumber

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If there has been any doubt in anyone's mind—and there probably hasn't—that the Pacific Northwest lumber industry has been moving south of the Columbia into Southern Oregon, these figures should dispel it.

Three Southern Oregon Counties—Douglas, Jackson and Josephine—produced 1,355,000,000 board feet of lumber in 1947, compared with 49,905,000 in 1932. That's an increase of more than 27 times in the 15 years, a gain of 542 per cent since 1939, and it represents 4 per cent of the entire national lumber production.

Such was the import of figures assembled Saturday by H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

The three counties doubled their production—from 49,905,000 feet to 100,410,000—from 1932 to 1939, then increased it only two and a half times to

249,836,000 by 1939.

War Pushes Output

But then the prewar and war years began to have their effect, and by 1942 the mills in the three counties had pushed their production to 608,026,000. By 1945 it reached 762,868,000, and in 1946 it had passed the 1,000,000,000-foot mark for a total of 1,102,222,000, and 1947 saw that figure extended even further to 1,355,000,000.

While the production in the three counties was jumping 27 times in the 15 years, the number of mills was gaining 14 times. In 1932, there were 34 mills in the three counties; in 1947 there were 482.

First Bout Fatal



(NEA Telephoto) Twenty-year-old Leroy DeCatur, making his debut as a professional boxer, was injured fatally in the ring at Hollywood Legion Stadium, Hollywood, Calif. DeCatur went down under a series of lefts and rights thrown by Frederico Hernandez of Yuma, Ariz. in the fourth round of a preliminary bout and could not be revived.

In other words, the average per-mill production was gaining at the same time, from 1,467,794 feet yearly in 1932 to 2,811,203 in 1947, Simpson's figures showed.

State Production Gains

Meantime, Oregon's total production was making a much more gradual gain. It rose from 1,603,892,000 feet in 1932 to an estimated 6,600,000,000 an all-time high—in 1947.

Washington states' production climbed from 2,260,689,000 feet in 1932 to a peak of 4,712,698,000 in 1937, then dropped and climbed back again to 5,239,224,000 in 1941 to the highest point since 1929. On a toboggan since, it wound up at 3,400,000,000 in 1947.

Oregon, meantime, assumed from Washington in 1937 the title of the nation's greatest lumber producing state.

Douglas Leads Way

Douglas county has led the way among the three counties. In 1932, it had 18 mills producing 25,471,000 feet. By 1947, those figures had soared to 267, mills producing 725,000,000.

Jackson held to second place in the 15 years, starting with ten mills cutting 21,244,000 feet



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and winding up in 1947 with 118, producing 380,000,000.

The biggest gain, however, was made by Josephine. It had six mills cutting 3,190,000 feet in 1932. Last year there were 97 mills producing 250,000,000.

Similar rises had affected timber prices. Simpson pointed out, citing a comparison of prices and costs prepared for appraisal use by the bureau of land management in the sale of its public timber in 18 O. & C. counties of Western Oregon.

Stumpage Prices Upped

Stumpage prices climbed from \$2.16 in 1941 to \$9.65 per 1000 in the third quarter of 1947, the study showed. At the same time, total figures for stumpage, logging and milling climbed from \$24.34 in 1941 to \$52.76. The weighted average sales price gained from \$29.67 in 1941 to \$60 in 1947.

What's the outlook for the three Southern Oregon counties, Simpson believes they've pretty well reached the maximum of their lumber production.

Douglas County, with more standing timber than any other county in the nation, may yet raise its production somewhat, however, he says.

New V. F. W. Post Formed at Riddle

Yankee Service Post, No. 9744, VFW, was organized at Riddle Sunday afternoon by Ted L. Hopkins, Chief of Staff, VFW Dept. of Oregon, with an initial membership of twenty-six.

Officers of the new post elected and installed for the coming year were: Commander, J. J. Angland; St. vice commander, Edward Schwader, Jr.; vice-commander, Robert Lilly; chaplain, Frank Arlong; quartermaster, John Hutchin.

The new post, in conjunction with the Canyonville American Legion, has plans for a memorial building and a home for veterans.

Post meetings will be the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Riddle.

On hand for the formation of the post were James Marvins, deputy to Hopkins, and C. L. Hutchinson, Commander of Dist. 15, Dept. of Oregon.

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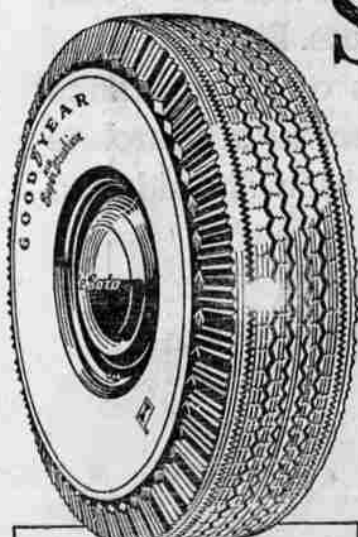


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