

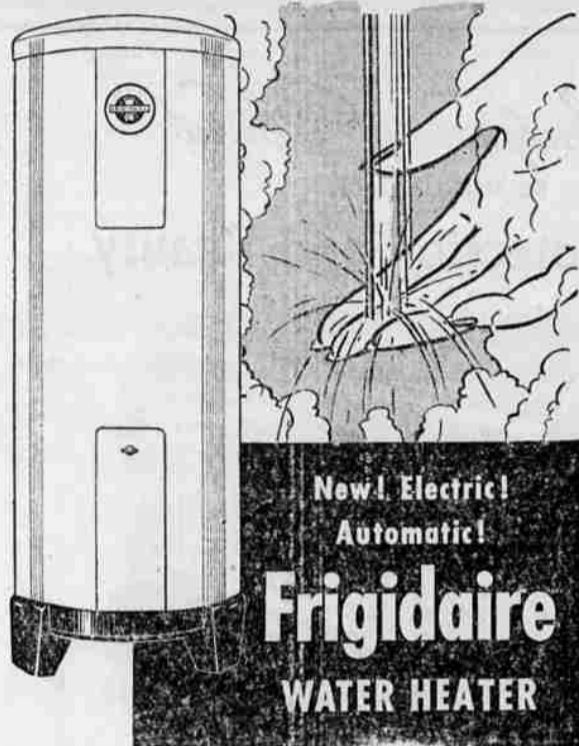
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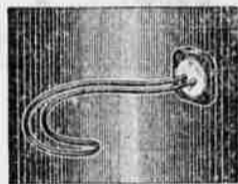
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## Small Holdings Largest Factor In Timber Land

Oregon's vast land owning "timber barons" are very much figments of overly vivid imaginations because actual facts and figures do not bear out the oft expressed belief that timber and trees are all owned by "big business."

This statement is made by O. S. C., extension forecaster, Charles R. Ross, who points out that woodland owners in the state number close to 45,000. He says 63 per cent of Oregon's privately owned forests reserves are owned by individuals with holdings of less than 5,000 acres each.

Farmer owners of woodlands play important roles in the timber picture, Ross emphasizes. In western Oregon, for example, there is an average of close to 40 acres of wood for each farm. Many other small acreage timber owners are local businessmen, city workers living in the country, and various other investors.

From a national standpoint, 4,000,000 persons in the United States own a piece of woodland which contains less than 500 acres. Together these small acreage timber owners control 200,000,000 acres of forest. That is 60 per cent of all the privately owned forest land in this country, Ross adds.

**Profits Now Foreseen**  
Meanwhile, a change is taking place in the minds of the small forest property owners, Ross states. Prior to about 1940, few farmers, for instance, saw anything but a pasture and wood reservoir in their woodlots. They felt it did not pay to try to sell small trees, and it took two lifetimes to grow salable timber. A sweeping change in viewpoint is now taking place, Ross observes, and present day woodland owners are seeking income from their trees. Nowadays they are talking knowingly of poles, sawlogs, pulpwood and fuel markets.

Future markets for woodland products are bound to increase with second growth timber becoming more valuable as the result of inroads on the stands of old growth forests. The day when farmers can receive an annual "cash crop" from their woods is not too far distant, Ross concludes.

## Ranchers in Arizona Treble Order for Rain

TUCSON, Ariz. — (AP) — Arizona ranchers are placing orders for rain on their ranges next summer.

A dozen cattlemen met with C. S. Barnes of Phoenix and asked him to systematically increase by three times the rainfall which normally falls on their land.

Barnes said he would use a plane from which vapor-laden clouds would be sprayed with a mixture of silver iodine and other chemicals to produce rain.

The area in which it is planned to cause precipitation lies between the Santa Rita and Baboquivari mountains and extends from just south of Tucson to the Mexican border.

Barnes will fly a minimum of 60 hours over the area between June 15 and Sept. 30.

## Home of Circus Giants Will be Torn Down

MEDINA, O., (AP) — Plans are being made to raze one of nearby Seville's oddest landmarks, a 14-room mansion built 70 years ago to fit two circus giants.

The curious old home was constructed for Capt. Martin Van

Bates and his wife, Anna. Both were nearly eight feet tall and weighed more than 400 pounds. They were ballyhooed throughout the world by the late P. T. Barnum and Bates once was given a gold watch by Queen Victoria of England.

Doorways in the home are 10 feet high and the ceiling from 12 to 14 feet. Several fireplaces are trimmed with imported Italian marble.

The present occupants, Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer and their three children, find the rooms too big and the house too hard to heat. Bates' wife died in 1886 and he in 1919.

Legend has it that the root of the mandrake plant was used by God to put Adam to sleep when He made Eve out of one of Adam's ribs.

## More Milk Cows Needed to Meet Oregon's Demand

Urgent need for more dairy cows on Oregon farms is apparent in view of prospects for continued population growth and the fact that cow numbers show an actual decline, declares H. P. Ewalt, O. S. C. extension dairyman.

In Oregon now, there are approximately 245,000 dairy animals. Meanwhile, Ewalt points out that as late as 1943 there were 290,000 head. In the prewar year, 1940, there were 262,000 dairy cows on Oregon farms. The extension dairyman states

there are now fewer cows in the state than there have been any time during the past 14 years. There are also fewer yearling heifers than at any time during this same period. This fact indicates that herd replacements are going to be more difficult to obtain in the future, Ewalt states. Along the same line, he says dairy calf numbers are low. In fact, the calf population is lower now than at any time since 1942.

**Higher Costs Blamed**  
Reasons for the decline in dairy cow numbers are related to conditions brought about by the war, including scarcity and high cost of trained dairy workers. Ewalt states that high prices for other types of farm products such as seeds and grains brought about a shift from cows to other types of agriculture. With feed costs high, coupled with attractive meat

prices, more rigid culling of low producing animals took place. As a result of this culling, Ewalt says the average production per animal in the state has shown a considerable jump, although there are not enough of these "better animals" to supply current milk needs.

For the best interests of the Oregon dairy industry, Ewalt

says dairymen need more than ever before to use good sires, to test for production and to save more good calves as steps toward having high producing disease-free herds two, three or four years from now. Do not depend upon other dairymen for replacements, they might be using scrub bulls, Ewalt advises.

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