

### Vigil Over Timber Will Be Kept On Umpqua Forest This Fire Season By 36 Lookouts

Thirty-six lookouts are taking their places on the Umpqua National Forest this week, to keep watch against forest fires during the summer. A new steel lookout tower on Mt. Chivigny is being manned this year for the first time.

The tower, 54 feet high, was erected by the Douglas Forest Protective Association, but is being manned by U. S. Forest Service lookouts because it overlooks a large area of national forest timber on the Little River-North Umpqua divide.

Ray B. Hampton, fire control officer of the Umpqua National Forest, said the tower was obtained by the state forester's office from a former bombing range in Idaho, where it was used in airplane control work. It was erected here under supervision of Fred L. Southwick, district warden of the Douglas Forest Protective Association.

On top of the tower is a 14x14-foot house, to be occupied this summer by Arthur Rankin, lookout for the North Umpqua Ranger District under Ranger George Churchill.

Hampton said the new lookout tower, along with six other stations, are being equipped with FM radio. These include Red Butte, Lookout Mountain, Illahee, and Mt. Chivigny on the North Umpqua District, and Black Rock, Watson Butte, and Pig Iron Mountain, on the Diamond Lake District. Master sets are located at the Glide and Big

Camas Ranger Station.

FM radio sets, Hampton explained, give clearer reception and are better able to cut through storms and electrical disturbances than conventional radio equipment. FM also eliminates much static ordinarily picked up.

A number of "handy-talkie" portable radio sets are also in use. These are for smoke-chasers to communicate with lookouts or ranger stations while on the scene of a fire. They operate on the same frequency as the FM sets used by lookouts and rangers, said Hampton.

Annual School Attended.

Lookouts and their assistants last week attended the annual guard school at Wolf Creek Training Camp on Little River. There they were instructed in fire detection methods and in the use of radio and telephone equipment.

The lookouts will man 17 primary stations (of which Mt. Chivigny is one) and 19 fire-man-lookout stations, where the lookouts go to the scene of small fires as well as watching for signs of smoke and fire.

In annual competition in the guard school, Hampton reported, the South Umpqua-Cow Creek District won first place in such contest as bucking logs, packing horses, compass and pacing, as well as in the test on instruction fire detection and smoke chasing. The North Umpqua District placed second.



**NEW LOOKOUT TOWER**—Forty-four-foot steel tower has been erected on Mt. Chivigny, on the Little River-North Umpqua divide. It was constructed under supervision of the Douglas Forest Protective Association and will be manned by Forest Service lookouts this summer. (Forest Service Photo.)

### Achievements Of 4-H Clubbers Make Adults At U. S. Capital Take Notice

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Caroline Steel of Greenville, Tenn., who was recently in town for the National 4-H Club Camp, made a bedroom out of an attic, put up 450 cans of fruits and vegetables last year, raised 100 chicks. Caroline, a petite, 18-year-old sophomore at the University of Tennessee, wants to be a supervisor in a nursery school. She is a pianist and plays for all the state 4-H Club meetings. She is also a 4-H Club officer holder and makes all of her own clothes.

She made the trimly tailored brown gabardine suit and chapeau blouse she was wearing when I talked to her. She was eager to visit the Capitol. "I'm interested in government. I've heard so much about it and all,

but I've never seen it in action."

Bill Cooke, 17, of Milan, Tenn., cleared almost twice as much money last year as the average farm laborer in Tennessee, making a little over \$1400. He has 12 cows and heifers, which he told me are valued at \$2,000. "But, you see," Bill said, "I've been in business 13 years."

Caroline and Bill were but two of the 200 up-and-coming future rural citizens of America whose accomplishments made the adults who met them here sit up and take notice.

**Pays For Own Schooling**

There were Bill and Sandy Blackhall, identical 18-year-old twins, juniors at Maryland University. They have worked on a farm near Faulkner, Md., for 12 years and made more than enough money raising beef cattle to send themselves to the university for four years of animal husbandry.

And there were Elsie Clausen, 17, from Skylight, Ky., who helped renovate a church in her home town, and Alfred Austin, from Scottsdale, Ariz., who carried out a campaign of illuminating bicycles at night.

To obtain the highest honors in 4-H Club work many members take on more than the required number of the club's 25 projects. Evelyn Marshall, 17, of Clarksville, Ky., had completed 48, including everything from sewing to raising beef calves which she sells in the State Fair. Paul

**HANDY-TALKIE**—Here's Melvin McChord, district assistant at Tiller Ranger Station, demonstrating use of "handy-talkie" radio set used for communication by smoke-chasers with lookouts and rangers. (Forest Service Photo.)

Henry Johnson, 17, of Cleveland, Tenn., a truck and dairy farmer, who cleared \$215 raising pole beans last year, had completed 61 projects.

Theme of the camp meeting was "Know Your Government," and the youths avidly explored its activities in the capital. They visited many government agencies and both houses of Congress. In group discussions among themselves they agreed congressional filibustering should be curbed, that the judicial system of the federal government should be streamlined and that emphasis should be placed on the study of government in our high schools.



**Vets' Auxiliary Refuses To Give Negro Girl Trip**

COLUMBUS, O., July 1—(AP)—The Ohio House of Representatives yesterday adopted a resolution which, in effect, asked the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary to send Joan Rankin to the Girls' Nation Assembly in Washington.

The resolution disapproved the Auxiliary's action in not sending the 16-year-old Cincinnati girl to Washington because of racial discrimination she might encounter there.

Miss Rankin was elected governor of Buckeye Girls' State last week. Usually, the various girls' state governors attend the girls' Nation in Washington. However, Mrs. Carl W. Zeller, director, said such participation was entirely voluntary on the part of state organizations.

Mrs. Zeller said the Auxiliary "positively will not" send the Negro girl to Washington, because it wanted to save her the "embarrassment" posed by certain social discriminations in Washington.

### Congress' Failure To Renew Trade Treaty Embarrasses U. S. Agents Working Abroad

By JAMES MARLOWE

WASHINGTON, July 1—(AP)—The reciprocal trade agreements act died last night - at least for a while - because Congress failed to get around to renewing it.

This act is a cornerstone in our foreign policy. It was first passed in 1943 under the guidance of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull to build up better trade with other countries.

It has been renewed repeatedly since then by congress, the last time in 1948 when it was made clear the act would die June 30, 1949 unless Congress acted to continue it.

Months ago President Truman told Congress the deadline was approaching and the act should be renewed. The House approved it. But the Senate has dawdled. Maybe in a month or so the Senate will finally do something about it. In the end, Congress is expected to continue the act for at least another year, maybe another three years.

All this is a little embarrassing for this country and a group of our trade experts. They are now in France with the representatives of 33 other countries, all trying to work out trade agreements.

They have agreed on a number of deals - work on them goes back two years - and Mr. Truman has been able to start them moving by approving them.

The trade agreements act gave him this power to approve. But Mr. Truman - in this case, the U. S. - can't okay any further deals at the French meeting after today, until the act is once more renewed by Congress, whenever that is.

So the senate's tardiness leaves the work of the American experts in France a little up in the air. Yet, these agreements are important in restoring world trade.

**What Act Means.**

The act means simply this: The U. S. will lower our tariffs on certain, agreed-upon

goods imported from other countries provided they reciprocate by lowering their tariffs on certain goods imported from us.

We've made these agreements with 24 countries.

For example: we may want wine from France, France wants machinery from us. We lower our tariffs on French wine coming in here. The French lower their tariffs on machinery going into France.

We may not want French silk. The French may not want our roller-skates. So we don't lower our tariffs on their silk. They don't lower their tariffs on our roller skates.

This is the crudest kind of explanation for the whole problem is very complicated, as can be seen from what the experts of the 34 countries in France are trying to do:

To cut down country-by-country deals and end discrimination among countries, they're trying to make agreements by which any country that lowers its tariff on certain products of another country will give all of the other 32 countries the same tariff rates on those certain products. (that doesn't mean all products.)

When the trade act was first passed in 1934 our tariffs on foreign goods coming in here to compete with American goods were very high. This was to protect American producers.

So the act allowed the president to cut tariffs where he saw fit, but only after a long study by government experts and public hearings where anyone who thought he might be hurt could complain.

Some congressmen, particularly Republicans, haven't been too fond of the trade act. They've argued the tariff cuts have hurt some American businesses.

Before letting the act be continued, they'll fight for what they say is more protection for American business. They'll do that by trying to put more restrictions on the president's ability to cut.

**Comptroller Opposes War Insurance Dividends Where U. S. Paid Premiums**

WASHINGTON, June 30—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren on the end of payment of some \$20,000,000 in war insurance dividends to Army aviation cadets and others for whom the government paid the whole premium.

Warren's stand was set out in a letter to Speaker Rayburn of the House and to Veterans Administrator Carl Gray Jr.

Premiums on the \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance policies were paid by the government as a form of added compensation for a special type of service. The insurance was provided for cadets, for apprentice seamen and members of the Naval reserves enrolled as flight officer candidates, former Naval academy midshipmen enrolled as flight officer candidates, and men starting flying activities.

In an exchange of correspondence with Warren, Gray said the Veterans Administration has decided that such policy-holders are entitled to participate in the forthcoming dividend disbursement of \$2,800,000,000 by the VA. The Veterans Agency took the position that the policies were a gift and became the property of the holders.

### Airline Advised To Drop Southern Oregon Points

WASHINGTON, July 1—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board suggested Thursday that West Coast Airlines, a feeder carrier which flies between Medford, Ore., and Bellingham, Wash., should eliminate some points on its route and add others to improve its "revenue-cost ratio."

The proposal accompanied an announcement of the Board's intention to extend the line's temporary operating certificate five years.

A public hearing will be held and arguments heard before any decisions are made, however, a spokesman said. No hearing date was set.

The Board said it would also decide whether United Air Lines or West Coast should serve Bellingham. There is no need for the present service by both lines, the board commented.

It also suggested that it might require United to suspend service at Salem, Ore., and add that city to West Coast's route.

Points which it may be advisable to drop, a spokesman said,

are McMinnville, Roseburg and Grants Pass, Ore., and Port Townsend and Kelo, Wash. Only McMinnville is now served as the other cities lack adequate airport facilities. McMinnville has developed too little traffic to justify service, the board said.

### Spray Machine Blowers Aid In Saving Cherries

HOOD RIVER, July 1—(AP)—Cherry growers, aided by a moderate wind, turned spray machine blowers on their trees again Wednesday to dry the cherries and hold rain damage to a minimum.

Reports of splitting came from various parts of the valley, but damage in general is believed not severe. It was thought for a time that the entire crop was endangered. Wednesday's reports indicate that some orchards had very light damage while others suffered more extensively from yesterday's rains.

The crop outlook had been the best in many years. For the past three years rain in the picking season has ruined the crop.

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