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FOREST REVENUE OUTLOOK

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Douglas county will receive this year as its share of revenue from the Umpqua National forest approximately as much as was paid into the county treasury from the same source for all the years combined from 1906 to 1945.

M. M. "Red" Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua forest, reports that from 1906 to 1945 payments to the county amounted in all to \$267,539. Original estimates for 1949 total \$264,000, although the amount may be reduced about \$8,000 due to declining lumber market. The original estimate, however, still is being used as a basis for calculation.

Many people, Nelson says, do not understand the process through which forest revenues go to counties. He points out that 25 percent of gross revenue from sale of timber, grazing fees and resource use is returned to the state for distribution to counties. In addition, 10 percent goes into construction of forest roads and trails. Federal Power commission licenses operating on national forest lands pay 37 1/2 percent of net returns to local government.

Money received by counties must be expended for roads and schools. While the federal law does not specify the percentage of distribution, the state law requires that 75 percent shall go to the county road fund and 25 percent to the school fund.

The Umpqua National forest extends over into Lane, Jackson and Josephine counties. Payments to counties are in proportion to acreage. Thus from the Umpqua forest revenue distribution Douglas county gets 83.3 percent, Lane county 15.6 percent, Jackson 0.6 percent and Josephine 0.5 percent. On the other hand, portions of the Willamette, Siuslaw, Rogue River and Siskiyou national forests lie partly in Douglas county—0.3 percent of the Willamette, 10.8 percent of the Siuslaw, 6.5 percent of the Rogue River and 0.5 of the Siskiyou forest.

Douglas county's anticipated revenue is calculated for this year as follows: Umpqua \$219,444, Willamette \$16,435, Rogue River \$11,646, Siuslaw \$16,393, Siskiyou \$300, making a total of \$264,218, from which \$198,164 will be distributed to the county road fund and \$66,054 to schools.

The direct cut of 25 percent from receipts, does not cover all benefits, Nelson points out. The forest service builds and maintains the road system within national forests. Forest highway funds are used in cooperation with the state highway system, aid having been given on the Pacific highway, Coast highway, Drain-Reedsport road, Tiller-Trail cut-off, North Umpqua highway and others. Forest receipts also go into fire protection. Recreational campgrounds, picnic areas and other developments are paid out of federal funds while producing general benefits to the county.

Because revenues from national forest lands will increase as the timber industry expands, Nelson has prepared a detailed statement of procedure and has placed it in the hands of county officials and other interested persons, that they may have a better working knowledge of present and future prospects.

As grazing is only a minor factor in forest income, the bulk of the money coming from timber sales, it is interesting to note that in 1939, only 10 years ago, Douglas county received \$4.00—that's right, four dollars!—from the sale of timber on the Umpqua forest. This year's timber sale income will amount to well over \$200,000.

A further indication of what the future holds is found in a comparison between the Willamette and the Umpqua forests.

The Willamette forest, which has a higher rate of cut, is slightly larger than the Umpqua and has a sustained yield allowable cut of 315 million board feet annually as compared with 266 million board feet on the Umpqua. Yet total revenue from the Willamette forest this year is estimated at \$2,191,384 as compared with a total of \$1,055,023 from the Umpqua, more than twice as much.

Consequently it is evident that when sustained yield capacity is reached on the Umpqua forest, revenues to Douglas county will be considerably higher than at present.

LETTERS to the Editor

New Garbage Disposal Rates Are Explained

ROSEBURG—We have observed your editorial in the News-Review of July 20th and believe that you and the residents of Roseburg should be apprised of a few of the facts pertaining to garbage disposal here in Roseburg.

It has been the policy of the local company in the past to discourage competition by giving the people as much service as possible for the lowest possible price. Our financial statement submitted to the council shows that we have been doing this even to the extent of depriving ourselves of a just wage and fair return on our investment.

A comparison of our rates with those of other cities of the Northwest shows that we have been giving a greater service at a lesser price than the very great majority of these cities, and that were the new rates and service on a par with those of other cities despite the fact that few other companies are faced with the dump ground costs that we have.

We regret that the exceptional

benefits heretofore enjoyed by Roseburg citizens must come to an end. But, because we are now facing greatly increased expenses, due to the change in our disposal methods urged upon us by state and local officials, and to the costs of this new franchise and additional public utilities taxes, it is necessary that general twice-weekly residential service at present prices be discontinued.

Yet, contrary to your editorial, we believe this change will benefit rather than harm the city's sanitation. We believe that to the majority of the citizens this will have the effect of decreasing their garbage rate. To others, the savings made during the winter months will partially if not fully offset the two-car rate or additional charges they may have to pay during the summer months.

Nearly all other cities in the Northwest and, we believe, in the nation have only once-weekly residential garbage service. Experience has proven that if the garbage is properly wrapped and kept in standard sanitary containers, sanitation is little affected during the summer months on even the hottest days where once-

Whatta Life!



Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

We don't expect a tree to keep its same leaves and its same size, year after year. Yet sometimes we do just that with people. We pin a tag on someone, a personage in the news, the city official, the neighbor down the street, the president of some group to which we belong.

We expect others to realize that we ourselves, have grown—and how! Yet do we always 'do as we would be done by' and expect others to have outgrown some trait, some habit, some way of thinking that seems to us not in accord with our own notions?

I was reminded of this when I read "Of Flight and Life" by Charles A. Lindbergh (Scribner's, N. Y., 1948), a book which is a revelation of the spiritual growth made by a man who demonstrated great courage in the war in active combat (as a civilian!) and to whom our national defense owes even more, perhaps, than we realize.

For it was Charles Lindbergh, who by his thinking and his knowledge of aeronautics, enabled our P-38s to strike 500 miles further than they had been able to do before—500 miles further than the enemy figured on!

I heard him speak, that time, weekly service is given. A sanitary garbage can is therefore the responsibility of the householder.

Concerning your reference to the promiscuous dumping along public roads, it was published in your paper some time back, and it would be well to publish again, that public dumping is permitted at the dump grounds.

No charge is made for small quantities. Larger quantities are charged for at rates ranging from 25 cents up to \$1.00 per truck load. These charges help to maintain the dump and are similar to and in some cases cheaper than charges made by many city-owned dumps.

N. P. JOHN
Roseburg, Ore.

Scientifik How-Cum On Them Thar Solar Objeks

ROSEBURG—In reference to Frank Jenkins' News-Review editorial of July 19, I would like to point out a discrepancy from fact in comparison of differences. (Col. 4, P. 4) The "farthest tiny, twinkling star" is not in the solar system at all. The system is composed principally of our sun with the planets (and their satellites) which vary in their eccentricity of orbits, inclination to the elliptic mean longitude of the ascending node, perihelion, and epoch; the synodical revolutions, and stellar magnitudes.

Butt shucks—ah didn't tend to be a swearin' a'cha! Jest 'lowed I'd set yuh strait, afore sun danged Demmycrat wun awl yur harde urred "bisnis munny" in a wager. Our furthest planet is onley owt lessn 4 billyun miles. Granpappy cud pert nere spitt that fur when 'e had gud compreshun an a tale wud.

As tu politicks, Iffen the wurst gits mutch badder, wees mitte half ta deport the Preesidink too low'er Slobovia with Unkel Joe.

Sined, XX—a lokal bisness man goin broak.

The coyote is one of the few animals in North America which is extending its range.

More Sponsors For Boy Scout Troops Wanted

The first report of volunteer Boy Scout expansion workers will be given at the Umpqua hotel today at 7:30 p.m., according to Scout Executive Kollie Quam.

The 15 workers will meet with Quam to discuss progress made in contacting new sponsors for the 30 additional Scout units needed in Douglas county. The local men are endeavoring to find new sponsors among Douglas county churches, lodges, community clubs and other organizations.

Apart of the national organizational and expansion plan for Boy Scouts, this county has been notified that at least 30 more Boy Scout troops, Cub packs, or Explorer units must be organized to care for the expanded program initiated this year by the national council. The need for new units is a result of lowered age requirements and the influx of boys of Scouting age due to immigration shifts.

Scheduled to meet with local Scout executives are Robert Phillips, Rod Nevus, Louis Adamaki, Ken Bushy, Ted Wirak, George Neuner, Ken Armon, Lawrence Hill, William Gerretsen, John Todd, Lowell Bass, Jerry Willis, Vern Tozer, Hugh Ritchie and Roy Barnhart.

Fathers of boys interested in any of the three phases of Scouting are also invited to attend the meeting, Quam said.

Straw Vote On U. S. Judgeship Plan In Oregon

PORTLAND, July 27.—(P)—The names of 21 men and two women were listed today on a "straw vote" ballot sent to all Oregon attorneys to express their preference for a new federal judge.

The results of the poll probably will be sent by the Oregon State bar to President Truman and Democratic leaders for their consideration in choosing a new judge.

The nominees are Hugh L. Biggs, Portland; Allan G. Carson, Salem; Carl C. Donagh, Portland; Geta L. Gavin, The Dalles; S. Grant Baker, Henry L. Hess, La Grande; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem; Orlando J. Hollis, Eugene; Lester W. Humphreys, Portland; Edward C. Kelly, Medford; Manche L. Langley, Portland; Earl C. Latourette, Oregon City; Robert F. Maguire, Portland; Charles W. Redding, Portland; Francis E. Marsh, McMinnville; William B. Murray, Portland; W. P. Riddlesberger, Eugene; Gus J. Solomon, Portland; Estes Spedecor, Portland; Bruce Spaulding, Salem; Manley B. Strayer, Portland; Orval N. Thompson, Albany; Robert Y. Thornton, Tillamook.

Runaway Truck Crashes Residence, Kills Driver

ASTORIA, July 27.—(P)—A heavily loaded truck roared out of control down a hill here on Tuesday and ripped through the corner of a residence as it failed to make a turn.

The driver, Uno Olson, 30, was taken dead from the demolished cab.

Witnesses said the brakes apparently failed as the 9500-pound truck and its load of shingles was going down a steep street in the residential section of the city.

The truck tore a corner off the home of Dr. Frank Fowler as it left the street on a curve.

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and remain closed the rest of the day for the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Feldkamp

House Votes For 27 New Federal Judgeships

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(P)—The House approved Tuesday and sent to the Senate for concurrence a compromise bill creating 27 new federal judgeships.

Senate agreement would send the measure to President Truman. The bill would create six new circuit judgeships: Three in the District of Columbia, and one each in the third, seventh and tenth circuits.

(The third circuit includes New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware; the seventh circuit, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, and the tenth, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma.)

Also, 21 new district judgeships would be established, two of them temporarily. They include: Oregon—One. Northern and southern districts, California—Two each.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 55 YEARS AGO

News of the County

Scottsburg

Wild blackberries are being brought in by the Indians and find sale at \$1.00 per bucket.

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July 19, 1894
The Plaindealer

The above news item of 1894 will hark memories back to the days when nobody ever bought prepared foods. Fruits and berries from our own green hillsides provided plenty of canning for winter meals. Wonder if anybody still sells wild blackberries around Scottsburg? Oh, yes, be sure YOUR daily stage (see news item above) is insured here.

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