

Monterey Pine Planted On Tahkenitch Tree Farm By Crown Zellerbach Concern

Planting of an experimental lot of Monterey pine has just been completed at the Crown Zellerbach corporation's Tahkenitch tree farm in western Douglas county.

It is hoped, company officials state, that this tree will thrive in the coast climate as it does in Australia, where it has grown exceedingly well.

Within the next month or so a second experimental planting will be made on the Tahkenitch tree farm. This involves the setting out of three, four and five-foot cottonwood cuttings in the salt grass marshes in an effort to convert these non-productive areas to pulpwood production, according to E. S. Young, tree farm superintendent.

To date 1,242 acres have been planted, 89 acres hand seeded, 400 acres seeded by Helicopter, and some 1,383 acres treated for rodent control so seed falling from native trees will germinate and grow.

Other Program Details

This is part of the corporation's tree planting program in Oregon and Washington. Over 1600 acres are included in the work. Hand planting of 800,000 seedlings this winter and next spring is the second step to the

company's reforestation program of 7,000 acres in which a helicopter and seven planting crews are being used.

Accessible areas are being planted with seedlings grown in the cooperative Forest Industries nursery at Nisqually, Wash. Planting stock from the Nisqually nursery includes two-year-old Noble fir and spruce and one-year-old Douglas fir and Monterey pine.

Lands to be planted are the Clackamas tree farm, Molalla, 800 acres; Columbia at Vernonia, 300 acres; Clatsop, Seaside, 175 acres, Tahkenitch, Gardiner, 25 acres, and Cathlamet tree farm, Cathlamet, Wash.

Restocking By Air

Inaccessible areas without seed source which planting crews can not reach easily by road have been restocked from the air early this fall. Cut-over lands having adequate seed-bearing trees were treated for rodent control so the seeds shed on barren areas could germinate and grow. As in former years, rodent control is under the direction of Mr. A. W. Moore, research biologist of the



Crown Zellerbach Seeding Trees in the beds at the Forest Industries Nursery. Ready for planting in the 1949-50 Reforestation Program.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Helicopter work this fall included 1162 acres on the Clackamas tree farm, 800 acres on the Columbia tree farm, 615 acres on the Cathlamet tree farm, 896 acres on the Clatsop tree farm, and 1383 acres on the Tahkenitch tree farm.

Tree seed used in helicopter seeding this year included Douglas fir, Noble fir, western hemlock, and Sitka spruce. Pelletted seed as well as bare seed was used since seed pellets appear to offer some advantages, especially where the smaller seed are concerned.

Judge In Tacoma Volleys Back At Florida Official

TACOMA, Wash. —(AP)—From one corner of the nation to another, a Tacoma judge fired back at a Florida prosecuting official whom he accused of insulting him.

Superior Judge W. A. Richmond berated the Florida prison system, in "a letter to the editor," but said his court description of Florida prison officials as "just plain liars" was not a "broad blanket charge."

Judge Richmond wrote to the Tacoma News-Tribune that he thinks he was libeled, slandered and insulted by Solicitor V. R. Fisher of Tampa.

But he concluded: "The state of Florida's writ is denied and their slander forgiven."

The cross-country fuss started over Richmond's "plain liars" comment from the bench when he refused to send Charles D. Seiber back to Florida, where he twice escaped from prison camps. Seiber had been held in the county jail here for six months since his release from the McNeil island federal prison near here. He had served a term on a stolen car charge.

The judge's ire was raised by the Tampa solicitor's bitter reaction. A news story from Tampa said Solicitor Fisher denounced the judge's action and comment in unflattering terms in a letter to the Tacoma prosecuting attorney.

Fisher's letter included the barb: "I can only feel that it is a disgrace and a shame that you have such a man serving in a judicial position."

Judge Richmond said in his lengthy letter today:

"I apparently got him and many others cranked up in Florida. That is good."

In defense of his sharp words about prison officials, the judge recalled that one of them testified "it was cool in the sweat boxes as a rule. Imagine that statement."

Judge Richmond said his condemnation of Florida's prison camps stemmed not only from testimony at the hearing but from a study of "sworn statements or depositions of many officials of the Florida prison system and the depositions of a number of foremen of the grand juries of Florida, who have been themselves investigating their own Siberian prison system."

Furthermore, he said, "Charles Seiber has his debt paid to society. He has paid that additional six months in the Pierce county jail where he has been a model prisoner."

Truman In Weight Reducing Contest With Two Aides

WASHINGTON —(AP)—President Truman and two members of the White House staff are engaged in a weight reducing contest.

It is to end Thanksgiving day. After that, all bets are off. The president already has received five turkeys for next week's holiday feast.

White House officials said the contest started last month after the president had to shed Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, his military aide, and Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, his physician, about their excess poundage.

Each is to pay a dollar—some said it was ten dollars—for each pound he remains above the set goal a week from today.

The president weighed around 180 pounds when the bet was made. And he is supposed to get down to 175. Graham and Vaughan were in the neighborhood of 220 and they are trying to slim down to an even 200.

Graham was reported in the lead today. He is down to 202. The president weighs 178, and Vaughan about 212. Their reducing systems include dieting, exercise and massage. Mr. Truman is laying off pastries and gravy in addition to exercising.

VOTING MACHINES EYED
PORTLAND —(AP)—County Commissioner Gene Rossman, Democrat, suggested a citizens advisory committee be named to study possible use of voting machines here. Rossman said he was pleased that Secretary of State Newberry had indicated his interest in the subject. Editors and publishers of Associated Press newspapers in Oregon had suggested ballot changes and modern tabulating machinery last weekend.

The U. S. Supreme Court, established in 1789, first occupied quarters in the basement of the Capitol and after 1860 met in the Old Senate Chamber. The court didn't get its own building until 1937.

NO WORRY FOR VETS

Veterans' administration insurance officials report that the hundreds of thousands of veterans who either did not put a serial number on their GI insurance dividend application card, or put more than one, have nothing to worry about. A vet had more than one serial if he rose from enlisted man to officer.

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