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PERMANENCE OF WOOD

By Charles V. Stanton
 Writing in *Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest*, Roch Bradshaw tells of a huge tree that crashed to earth TWELVE MILLION years ago. It fell on a spot now 150 feet below the bed of the Yakima river in the state of Washington. It was a species of Sequoia, now extinct, and had a diameter of seven feet.

The outstanding and peculiar feature of this discovery is the fact that the wood was so well preserved that it still could be measured and identified.

The Forest Products laboratory at Madison, Wis., originally reporting the discovery, pointed out, Bradshaw reports, that wood does not decay because of age.

"The truth is," says the laboratory pamphlet, "that time or age has nothing to do with decay of wood. Decay is the result of one thing only: the attack of wood-destroying fungi. Wood which remains absolutely dry, or is permanently saturated, will not decay. The range of fungus activity lies between a 20 percent moisture content of the wood and a soaking wet condition."

Wood Has Permanence

Bradshaw points out that "when the White House was remodeled it was found to contain sound timbers which had been in place since 1816. Despite the fact that some had been weakened by being partially cut through in previous remodeling, and the additional fact that others were carrying more than the load for which they were designed, these timbers were still intact, doing their full share of work after more than 130 years."

Certainly no one would expect to find sound fiber in a log buried for 12 million years. Yet, when this log was found during construction of a tunnel under the bed of the river, it was still identifiable. Its age could be definitely established by the geological surroundings.

Public Needs Education

The general public is in need of more education concerning the permanence of wood. The discovery of the ancient Sequoia furnishes evidence to prove the claims lumbermen always have made that wood is particularly to be preferred over other structural materials because of its adaptability, versatility and durability.

Some very effective work has been done recently by the West Coast Lumbermen's association toward educating consumers in proper uses of wood for structural purposes. A large-scale advertising campaign has been very beneficial to the industry, while, at the same time, saving coats to consumers.

If, in addition to promoting proper uses, it is possible to demonstrate the permanence of wood in a convincing fashion, thus selling the idea to the public that wood is to be preferred, the timber industry will have little to fear from the many substitutes now being offered on the market.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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seems to be rather shallow, with a gravelly bottom, and ESTABLISHED A BEACHHEAD ON THE SOUTH SIDE.

There is some mention of small boats in connection with the crossing. It seems likely that the Communist infantrymen waded over carrying nothing but their rifles and that the small boats are being used to ferry over the rest of their personal equipment, including reserve small arms ammunition.

The dickens of it, at the moment of writing this, is that SO FAR WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DISLODGE EVEN THIS LITTLE BAND OF A HUNDRED COMMUNIST WHO HAVE GOT OVER TO OUR SIDE OF THE RIVER.

That must mean that the covering fire of their tank guns is extremely effective. It also must mean that our defending forces are so slim that we can't bring enough weight to bear at any one point to stop the Communists.

At this critical moment, an army "spokesman" goes into action at the Pentagon building in Washington. Briefing the reporters, he says:

"American troops in Korea are not being slaughtered and there is no Dunkerque in sight up there. There isn't any doubt in the world that we are going to hold. Sure we are. We have got the means to handle the situation. But it takes time to build up an offensive.

"But of course it's embarrassing—and awfully tough on the people who are up there on the grindstone."

"IT'S AWFULLY TOUGH ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE UP THERE ON THE GRINDSTONE." I reckon that just about describes it. It was awfully tough on the little band of Americans

Half-Year Home Building Sets New Mark In U.S.

WASHINGTON—(P)—More new homes were started in the first half of 1950 than in any other six months of American history. The number was 687,000.

Also, June rolled up the highest monthly total of homebuilding "starts" ever recorded, 142,009.

Those figures, which are preliminary estimates, were announced by the Labor Department's bureau of Labor Statistics. They showed that homebuilders have kept right on breaking records as the great 1950 construction boom continued.

who went against the German veterans at Chateau Thierry in World War I. It was tough on our boys who got caught on the Bataan peninsula in the Philippines. Those who weren't killed were taken prisoner, which turned out worse than being killed quickly and cleanly. It was tough on our marines who went in on Guadalcanal and had to stick it out against tremendous odds until we could begin to get a little help to them.

Going back a little farther, it was tough on the minutemen who assembled on Lexington green back at the beginning of our War of the Revolution. Nearly all of them were killed or wounded in this first brush with the disciplined British regulars.

All down through our history, we have refused to face the military facts of life. But we keep doing things—like rebelling against Great Britain, and going to war to help our friends in Europe and STOPPING THE MARCH OF WORLD-WIDE COMMUNISM—that call for the use of military force.

The result is that when the pinch comes, we are too little and too late and Americans have to go in at the start against tremendous odds and sell their lives and their blood to buy time in which to get ready the military force we OUGHT TO HAVE HAD READY when we made the pass that started the shooting.

So far, we've got away with it. We've never been beaten in a war. We hope and pray and BELIEVE we never will be beaten in a war. But we've taken a lot of long chances in the past, and over in Asia we're now taking the longest chance of our whole existence.

I'm sure we'll get away with it in time. But it would be a lot easier if in the past few years we had done less talking and more getting ready for what in the clear light of hindsight we can now see has been inevitable.

The Hand of Fate



Military Pay, Allowances Ignore Dependent Support

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON, (AP)—Pay in all branches of the armed services—army, navy, air force, marines—is the same for each grade. The army will be used as an example here.

The enlisted grades are as follows, with the minimum and maximum pay for each grade, depending upon length of service:

Recruit — \$75 a month; recruit, after four months — \$80; when he becomes a private, in about six months — \$82.50; corporal — \$117.50 to \$191; sergeant — \$139.65 to \$227; first class sergeant — \$169.05 to \$249; master sergeant — \$198.45 to \$294.

Anyone below the rank of corporal is considered to have no dependents, so he gets nothing for dependents. If, for some reason, the government fails to provide him with lodgings, he gets \$45 extra for lodgings for himself.

A corporal with less than seven years' experience also is considered to have no dependents and gets only his flat pay, unless the government doesn't provide him with lodgings. Then he gets \$45 extra.

For a sergeant, sergeant first class, and master sergeant—no matter how much or little his period of service—and for a corporal with seven or more years' experience, this is what happens:

If he has no dependents and the government doesn't give him living quarters, he gets \$45 extra for lodgings.
 If he has dependents but the government provides him and them with living quarters, he gets only his flat pay. But—
 If the government doesn't provide his dependents, such as a wife, with living quarters, he gets \$67.50 extra.

Nothing For Children
 That's all he gets for dependents, no matter how many he has. It used to be different. During the war and until Dec. 1, 1949, when Congress changed the law, this is what happened:

Any enlisted man—that is below the rank of commissioned officer, such as second lieutenant—got this deal:
 If he had a wife and set aside \$22 a month for her out of his pay the government added \$28 to it thus giving him a total of \$50, matter how much or little his period of service—and for a corporal with seven or more years' experience, this is what happens:

Commissioned officers—from the grade of second lieutenant up

Western Douglas County Season On Elk Hunting Set

PORTLAND, (P)—Deer hunters of Oregon who don't make a kill in the regular season will get to have a second chance this year. The state game commission's tentative hunting regulations propose a special two-day season at the end of the regular fall hunting period for those who are unlucky the first time.

The regular season will be Oct. 1-17, with the special consolation season Oct. 21-22, in which hunters may kill either a buck or a doe.

A special deer season was also set for Lake and Klamath counties Oct. 18-19. Special tags will be drawn for 1,500 hunters. This season is aimed at reducing the interstate herd that migrates between southern Oregon and northern California.

Elk season in western Oregon will run from Oct. 25 to Nov. 19 inclusive, and in eastern Oregon from Oct. 25 to Nov. 19. There will be a special elk season in Clatsop and western Douglas counties Nov. 20 to Dec. 31. In eastern Oregon there will be a special elk season Nov. 11 to 19 in the Starkey area for 250 hunters.

The southeastern Oregon antelope season will be Aug. 19 to 25 inclusive.

Four areas were opened for pheasant hunting. The Willamette valley and other parts of western Oregon will be open to hunting from noon Oct. 14 through Oct. 22. The bag limit is two cocks a day, or four in the season. In eastern Oregon, it will be noon Oct. 14 through Oct. 29, with a bag limit of three cocks a day or nine a season.

In Malheur county, the pheasant season will run from noon Oct. 14 through Nov. 5, with a bag limit of four cocks a day or 12 a season. The fourth area is at Summer lake, opening a week after the waterfowl hunting begins and continues through the waterfowl season. The bag limit is four cocks a day, 12 a season.

The waterfowl season is set by the federal government and dates have not been designated. The commission recommended a split season with starting dates close to Oct. 25 and Dec. 10.

Bank Robber Put On FBI List Of Top Wanted Men

WASHINGTON, July 18 (P)—The FBI has added the name of a New Jersey bank robber to its list of the nation's 10 "most wanted" men.

The addition is Thomas Kling, also known by various aliases, currently sought for allegedly trying to hold up a crowded tavern in his home town of Bayonne, N. J., last Dec. 26.

Kling replaces on the list Henry Harland Shelton, convicted Indiana murderer and jail breaker, who was shot and captured by FBI agents at Indianapolis on June 23.

The Kling addition makes the fifth revision in the "top men" list in the last four months. Since March, half of the "most wanted" criminals then listed have been picked up.

Kling's companions on the current "most wanted" list include: Thomas James Holden, train robber sought in connection with the 1949 killing of his wife and her two brothers in Chicago.

Omer August Pinson, convicted of killing a policeman after a burglary at Hood River, Ore., in April, 1947. He escaped the Oregon state penitentiary last year.

Glen Roy Wright, ex-member of the notorious Karpis-Barker gang, who escaped from the Oklahoma penitentiary in September, 1948.

Henry Clay Tollett, bank robber escapee from McNeil Island, Wash., in November, 1949.

Commander Named For Second ONG Reserve

SALEM, July 18 (P)—Governor McKay Monday appointed Col. Ryland E. McClung, Portland, to command the sixth regiment of the new national guard reserve.

The regiment will include units from Portland, eastern and north-west Oregon.

Last week, Col. Armin E. Berger, Salem, was named to command the seventh regiment, which will include cities from Salem to Ashland.

So far, only the two regiments are planned.

James A. Gillespie Of Sutherlin Passes Away

James A. Gillespie, 84, of Sutherlin died at Mercy hospital Saturday, July 15, after a year's illness. Graveside services will be held at the Fair Oaks cemetery Wednesday, July 19, at 11 a. m. Stearns Funeral home at Oakland is in charge of arrangements.

A resident of Sutherlin for the last 30 years, Mr. Gillespie was engaged in farming and fruit growing. He came to Oregon from Arizona. He was born in Kansas.

Surviving are a sister of San Bernardino, Calif.; two grandsons, James and John of Pasadena, and four great-grandchildren.

PREACHER IS CONSTABLE
 YOLO, Calif. (P)—This is a good little town. It ought to be: Rev. Joseph Helle, pastor of the Yolo Community Church, has been elected constable. The minister polled 11 of 21 write-in votes. And it was all very much of a surprise to Rev. Helle. He had neither announced his candidacy nor campaigned.

Upholstery Instruction Slated At Junior High

Instruction in upholstery will be given, beginning July 24, at junior high school, in the second state vocational adult educational program class to be held in Roseburg this summer.

A large group of women completed class instruction in upholstery in a recent series of lessons at the junior high school, with Mrs. Mae Frye of Eugene as instructor.

Upon request a similar class is to be held with the city school system cooperating with the state vocational adult education program.

Instruction will be given at 9 a. m. and again at 7 p. m. by Mrs. Frye. Those who did not register at the enrollment meeting held recently may enroll at the first class. Anyone desiring further information may call the city school superintendent's office, 434.

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