

Forest Products Market Report

Willamette Valley Area

Sawlog prices were steady, and demand continued good in the Willamette valley during the week ending July 14. Most mills continued to buy their normal volume even though the lumber market remains unsettled. Pulpwood, poles and piling, and other forest products were also unchanged, according to the weekly farm forest products market report, prepared by the OSC Extension Service from data supplied by State Farm Foresters and other information.

DOUGLAS FIR LOGS: Second growth Douglas fir sawlogs at Willamette Valley Mills remained steady at \$30 to \$41 a thousand board feet, mostly \$35 to \$38. Demand was good. Eight-foot logs, down to six-inch diameter were also in good demand, at \$15 to \$18 a cord, or \$35 to \$38 a thousand. Old-growth Douglas fir sawlogs were \$32 to \$58 a thousand, mostly \$38 to \$45. Peelers ranged from \$70 to \$110.

Second growth Douglas fir stumpage prices have been unchanged for some time at \$7 to \$16 a thousand, mostly \$10 to \$12.

PULPWOOD: Pulpwood prices were unchanged during the week. Northern and central valley pulp mills offered \$20 a cord for peeled spruce, and \$19 a cord for peeled Douglas fir, white fir, noble fir, and hemlock in 4 and 8 foot lengths down to 4 inch diameter. Unpeeled, these species brought \$2 less.

POLES AND PILING: Douglas fir poles and piling remained steady, with good demand for all except short barkie poles. Peeled poles ranged from 9 cents to 45 cents a linear foot. For example, 30 foot peeled poles were 11 to 12 cents a foot, while 60 foot poles ranged from 32 to 40 cents. Barkies brought from 9 cents to 40 cents a foot for lengths from 30 to 80 feet, and were only 2 cents under peeled prices at one central valley yard. Piling prices ranged from 15 cents to 42 cents a foot for lengths from 20 to 100 feet.

HARDWOOD LOGS: Hardwood mills paid \$30 to \$40 a thousand for alder, \$30 to \$45 for ash and maple, and \$24 to \$28 for cottonwood. There was a limited demand for oak and chinquapin at \$37.50 a thousand in the Eugene area.

OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS: Dry cascara bark was unchanged at 15 to 17 cents a pound during the week. Sword fern was also unchanged at 16 cents a bunch.

Water Diversion Stops County Road Damage

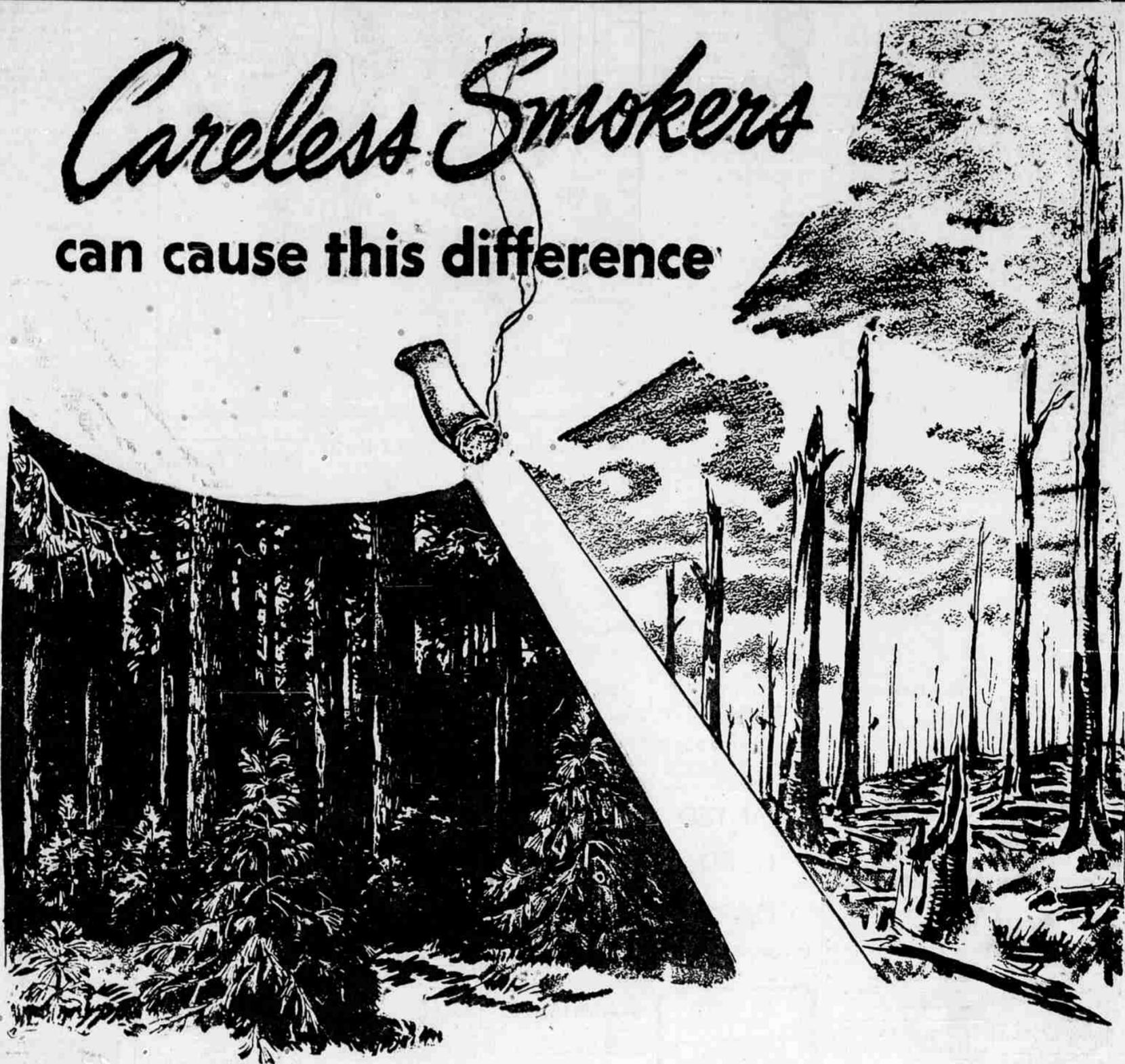
Damage to a county road through seepage from a mill pond has been stopped, the county court announced Wednesday.

The pond, about a half-mile west of Oakland and belonging to the Martin Brothers Box company, had been seeping water onto Searns lane, a county spokesman said.

With perforated pipe supplied by the company, a county crew has been installing culverts which will divert the water into the Calapooia creek. Work was expected to be finished today.

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