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FORESTERS AVAILABLE

Suits recently have been filed in the Circuit Court for Douglas County in which plaintiffs allege they were led, through misinformation, to sell timber holdings for a low price. Persons to whom the timber was sold, it is charged, then turned the stumpage at a very high profit.

One such plaintiff, an elderly man and wife, both disabled and with barely enough income upon which to subsist, has a long tale of adversity. The tale is climaxed by the transaction in which the timber was sold upon representations that it was of very poor quality. They sold for a few hundred dollars. The purchaser, they charge, resold the timber for about 20 times the sum received by the original owner.

Doubtless we have had many similar transactions in the county. We know that many farm woodlots were sold too early in the boom period. Had they been retained in original ownership, the sale price would have been several times more than received. These sales probably would not have been made had the owners secured expert advice.

We have been mentioning in this column the need in Douglas County for a farm forester. Since starting this series of discussions we have been advised that technical assistance to the private land owner interested in forestry is available from two sources — The Oregon State Board of Forestry and the Oregon State College Extension Service.

Work Is Coordinated

Under terms of a working policy established in August, 1951, the two departments are pledged to "cooperate closely with one another so that effective application of forestry assistance will result."

The policy provides that the Extension Service will "provide forestry education designed to benefit owners of small woodlands and farm forest lands and adult and youth organization" together with "establishment of woodland demonstration plots" and "dissemination of forest products market information."

The State Forester, in turn, is charged with "technical advice, assistance and services to woodland owners and operators in the establishment, protection and management of woodlands and in the harvesting, utilization and marketing of the products thereof, for the purpose of improving and maintaining the productivity of their woodlands."

Roughly, one department is promotional and educational, while the other performs technical service. Both are essential factors in the development of a real farm woodlot program.

Actually, the Extension Service would be most vitally interested in land use planning and management; helping a land owner to determine which acreage is best suited for common agricultural purposes and what lands could best be turned into forest production. The service, of course, would go much further in the way of advice and assistance in planning, planting, evaluation of existing woodlots, market information, etc.

The State Forester's agent would give actual help in outlining pruning and thinning methods, management, markets, and related factors.

Both would cooperate with federal and state forest agencies.

Budget Appropriation Sought

The Douglas County Budget Committee is being asked to include \$3,000 in the 1952-53 budget to be used in paying expenses of an extension forester. A man is immediately available if the appropriation is authorized, we have been informed. His salary would be paid from state and federal funds. The county appropriation would be for office expenses, travel and costs other than salary. He would work in close cooperation with the county agricultural agent.

We also have been advised from the office of the State Forester, which previously has confined its operation largely to the Willamette Valley, that it will make a man available to Douglas County on full-time basis upon request.

Thus it becomes possible for us to obtain two persons to handle both the promotional and technical work connected with management of existing farm woodlots and the reforestation of sub-marginal lands most suited for timber production.

We will be missing the boat, in our opinion, if we fail to grasp the opportunity now open to us to get this program operating at the earliest possible date.



Wouldn't you like to help drive fourteen hundred hogs from Portland to San Francisco? You need a bit of dust, tired or killed in the Siskiyous. All you need do is ask for "A Long Way to Frisco" by Alfred Powers (Little Brown 1951) State Library has it if your local one doesn't.

It's a book a "teen-age boy would especially enjoy although it is, of course, an adult book. My interest in it came because of some of the action taking place right here in Douglas County. Mr. Powers is, this newspaper said a while ago, a former resident of Oakland; his present home, says the book-jacket, is Portland. He is a Professor of Creative Writing in the O. S. System of Higher Education. He has written eight other books; three of which are "Prisoners of the Redwoods," "Marooned on Crater Lake" and "Redwood County," all, like "A Long Way to Frisco," in the American Folkway series.

Will they, won't they, get those hogs to San Francisco? I shall not spill the story for the readers by hinting what happens to the sixteen year old Cornelius Rogers and his partner, Levi Hunt — nor the hogs! As was often the custom in 1852, they carried their money in the form of gold dust. Will they, won't they hang on to it? It's a book a boy and his dad could share and argue over.

Speaking of books and libraries: I'll quote from a letter written by a librarian friend, B. M. . . "This note is to heartily recommend a book I have just read — "Quest for the Lost City" by Dana and Ginger Lamb. It is the story of a young married couple who lived and camped as explorers in Mexico and who traveled, by themselves, through the jungles of Mexico and Guatemala to "The Lost City." A rattling good exploration and adventure story true, too. I especially liked their fine attitude

A Game We Can All Play At



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — Illinois Republican leaders, backed by a fresh mandate from voters who favor Senator Robert A. Taft as the GOP nominee, are beginning to get rough with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and his backers.

Since the General announced that he is going to pull a Wendell Willkie on his party by not campaigning for the nomination prior to the July convention here, some professional politicians who had one foot on the Ike bandwagon have withdrawn it and are walking on both legs back to Taft's headquarters again.

Werner Schroeder, Republican national committeeman from Illinois, was the first prominent GOP politician in this state to announce his disapproval of the General's contemplated policy of returning to the U. S. by June 1 but staying silent on national issue until he is handed the convention nomination—if it is handed to him.

Schroeder charged that Eisenhower is distrustful of his own position and that his silence will indicate he feels he isn't as strong back home as some of his supporters tell him. Others in the GOP hierarchy in the state express the same views, but more strongly. There are two good reasons why the Illinois Republicans feel the way they do.

The first is that any and all Republicans are expected to do their bit in trying to trim the Democrats in 1952. Ike's declaration of silence places him on a political pedestal that he has erected himself. He is saying, according to the politicians here, that he is above getting down on the mat and wrestling with the Democrats on vital national issues; that he is going to leave the grubby work of politics to underlings within the party who should be willing to do the spadework in respect to the party's nominee. If he behaves this way during the campaign for the nomination, how will he do in the race against a Democratic nominee if he is nominated?

This is especially galling to Taft supporters who have been accused of playing too rough. Taft has pulled a few punches in challenging Ike. Stassen and Warren on party issues. Pro-Eisenhower Republicans and Democrats alike have deplored Taft's actions and have talked darkly about irreparable damage to the party.

Taft has stated repeatedly that he will support the party nominee in the event he fails to win here in Chicago in July. His backers now are claiming that they are entitled to the same pledge from Eisenhower. However, they admit privately they do not expect to get it.

"If he won't fight for the nomination before the convention how can we expect him to fight for someone else if he doesn't get the nomination?" is the \$64 question being asked by Illinois GOP professionals today.

The second major reason Ike's assertion of silence disturbs Illinois Republicans is that they were burned by a Willkie convention blitz and have no desire for another Willkie-type campaign.

In Illinois, as a result of the toward the various sorts of people they met. . . It's the kind of story that keeps you sitting on the edge of your chair as you read it. Sounds good, doesn't it. (Also a State Library book, if not to be found locally.)

Trade Students, Employers Will Banquet Tonight

Last night at 7:30, amidst the aroma of roast turkey and dressing, the T. & I. students of Roseburg Senior High School treated their employers to a dinner at the Fullerton School. The occasion was the 23rd annual employer-employee banquet given by the high school T. & I. Club.

Del McKay was master of ceremonies. Phil Harth, local Toastmaster, and principal speaker, and Carl Read, chairman of the local apprenticeship committee, presented various awards to the students.

The banquet was attended by approximately 100 persons. In addition to the students and their employers, guests included members of the school board, the superintendent of schools, the high school principal, the Roseburg apprenticeship committee, and representatives of the state division of vocational education and the state apprenticeship council, according to Jack Brookins, coordinator.

This part-time occupational training program has a long history in Roseburg. It began in 1928 as an educational experiment and earned the name of "Local Trades." It was the first program of its type in the country. The program has continued through the years and at present is usually referred to as the "T. & I." program. Actually, it is only one of several types of trade and industrial education classes provided for under both state and federal legislation.

The official name of the program is "Diversified Occupations," so called because many trades and jobs are taught in the same class. It is designed especially to provide vocational training opportunities for high school juniors and seniors. They may be trained in trade and industrial, distributive, and office occupations such as auto mechanic, carpenter, machinist, auto partsman, retail clerk, receptionist, and bookkeeper.

The students spend one-half day in organized employment in a chosen trade or occupation and one half day in school. One period of the half day in school is devoted to the supervised and directed study of technical subjects pertinent to the trade or occupation in which the student is engaged. The half day spent in employment is for the purpose of securing organized work experience in accordance with a definite schedule of work agreed upon by the employer, the school, and the student.

Diplomas Awarded
Students in the program earn their high school diploma the same as the full time student. Although students from the class who want to go on to college can do so, the program is intended for the student who does not expect to attend an advanced school.

In this program the experience and equipment of business and industry in the community are utilized. In other words, the business men and women become part of

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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doing business, losing \$1,000 every day, until the year 2929—nearly 1,000 years from now!

Is anyone mathematician enough to answer this one:
If we started in now to pay off our national debt of 260 billion dollars at the rate of \$1,000 a MINUTE, instead of 1,000 a day, how long would it take us to get it paid?

It's too much for me. It's like trying to figure HOW FAR OFF is a light-year. A light-year is the distance covered by light, traveling through space at the speed of about 182,000 MILES PER SECOND in a year of time.

Can you IMAGINE that? I can't. The point is that we can't understand what we can't imagine. About all I can do is to mutter to myself that if we GO ON spending at the rate we're spending now we'll GO BROKE.

Speaking of billions, I'll have to tell one on myself.

A week or so ago, I was dealing in this column with the profits of the steel industry at the supposed rate of about \$19 a ton on 100 million tons of annual production. I got all mixed up in my decimal points and arrived at a profit of 19 billions on which the steel companies paid taxes of 12 billions. The profit figure should, of course, have been 1.9 billions and the tax figure should have been 1.2 billions. I copy-read it twice, carefully, and NEVER NOTICED the discrepancy.

But here's the payoff:
Nobody else noticed it! At least, nobody jumped me about it.

That can be explained in only two ways:
1. Everybody else is as confused as I am about billions.
2. NOBODY READS THIS STUFF.

Here's a disturbing thought:

Dillard

New residents who recently moved to Dillard are Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Gilliland and children, Arlan Jr., age eight, in the second grade of the Dillard School; Steven Dennis, four, and Karen Lynn 14 months. The Gilliland family moved here from Estacada. He works at the Hult Lumber company.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martyn and daughter, Donna Sue, of Roseburg moved over the week-end into a newly built home in Brockway in the Dunham subdivision.

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Titus and children, Sherry, David and Mary Anne, of Aberdeen Wash., have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pierson and family for the past week. Rev. Titus had charge of the Easter Service Sunday at the Church of God on Kent Creek. The Titus family left Monday for a stop-over in Portland with relatives and friends.

Alton Owens, who has been confined to his bed for the past three months, is now able to be up and outside for short periods. He has taken two short rides in the car and is able to supervise his nursery stock at times.

Arlan Gordon was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon over Easter Sunday. He is attending college at Ashland.

David Burks was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burks, in Brockway for the Easter holidays.

Barry Laurance brought home a friend, Dick Mayse, from Ashland College to spend Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Laurance.

Ashley Goodwin returned home Saturday from Douglas Community Hospital Saturday, where she has been treated for the past week for a heart ailment.

the high school faculty, as "lab supervisors." The students are paid at least beginner's wage in the job they do in. Although this training plan not primarily intended to give students a chance to earn money, it has helped many of them to do so.

When a student applies to get into the program every precaution is taken to place him in an occupation in which he can succeed. Interest and aptitude tests are used whenever possible. Students may find their own jobs or are referred to employers by the person in charge of the program.

Leroy Wilson, one of this year's students, is employed by a graduate of the program, Elmer Ellis, owner of the Specialized Service Garage. A look around Roseburg would find many businessmen and skilled workers who are graduates of the program.

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