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GYRATIONS OF CAR through, in and around yards in Sweet Briar Lane Tuesday night ended in a ditch after cutting through a large field north of Sweet Briar. Its driver, Claude William Gregory, Sutherlin, was jailed on a drunk driving charge. (Staff Picture)

WORKER BURNS ARM

Milton Thosthurd, 29, 643 S. Mill St., was treated at Community

Pentagon Inertia Blamed For Lag In Plane Output

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Republican congressman said Tuesday the United States is eight or nine years behind Russia in building up its air power because of "one of the most sickening exhibitions of inertia on record."

"Brass hats in the Pentagon permitted the U. S. to lose the battle of aircraft production," Rep. Gross (R-Ia.) said in a statement prepared for floor delivery.

He told the House Russia beat the U. S. to the punch in putting to use the huge presses developed in Germany for assembly-line production of airplanes.

Shortly after V-E day, Gross said, the Russians and Americans discovered the German method. The Americans took two German presses, each of about 20,000 tons, while Russia grabbed the largest, 50,000 tons, he said, adding:

"Here, then, was the master key to the mass-production of metal aircraft. The Russians recognized it immediately and went right to work copying the German presses and gearing plane production accordingly."

But, the U. S. Air Force, Gross said, made no move to take advantage of this process until 1951.

Then it brought the two 20,000 ton presses to this country and asked Congress for 210 million dollars to build more presses.

Last February, the Air Force asked for another 400 million for this purpose.

The fund was appropriated, Gross said, but it won't mean mass production forgings now, and not until 1953 at the earliest.

Gross described this as the main reason the U. S. is eight or nine years behind the Russians in plane production.

And, now, he said, Air Force officers are in Europe "with blank checks in hand to attempt to buy the castings" for this process in Germany or France.

\$250,000 DEAL

SALEM (AP)—Robert L. Elfstrom reported Tuesday that he had sold the Elfstrom Furniture Store here to Roberts Bros., Portland department store firm which also operates a store here.

Elfstrom, former mayor of Salem and chairman of the State Liquor Commission, received \$250,000 in the sale.

Hospital Tuesday, for a friction burn on his right arm received while he was working.

Relogging Pays Off For Douglas Fir Industry

Ten per cent of the entire log needs of the Douglas fir forest products industry, more than a billion board feet a year, are supplied from relogging forest lands that have been logged before, according to W. D. Hagenstein, chief forester of the Industrial Forestry Association.

"This stretch of our old-growth forest resources," the forester said, "helps tide industry over until our second growth forests will become big enough to supply all our timber needs. Man is bringing the younger trees started and tended by himself up to useable size."

The recovered fire-killed snags, old windfalls, short logs, marginal and broken logs and small stuff that couldn't profitably be logged when the prime logging was done, today supply sawmills, pulp mills, shingle mills and even plywood plants, the forester pointed out. **Better Markets Credited**

Improved markets for this marginal type material once left in the woods to rot has stimulated efforts to bring it to market, Hagenstein stated. Changing economies within the industry is proving

TO SPRAY FOREST

MONTREAL, (AP)—Twenty single-engine planes, most of them from the U. S. Pacific Northwest, are due to leave here Wednesday to war with aerial spraying on budworms menacing 300,000 square miles of valuable New Brunswick forest.

a boon to better conservation practices.

Many timber landowners are having reloggers go back over logged land as many as four to five times, he said. This relogging may occur over a period of half a dozen to ten years and each successive relogging venture is brought about by a market demand for the material the relogger can recover from the land.

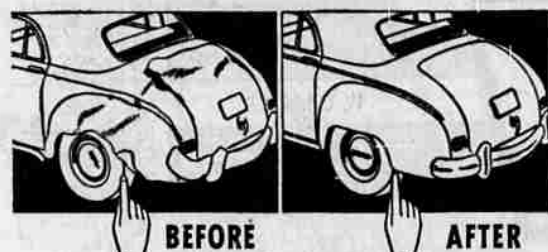
Hagenstein said relogging helps cut down fire risk by removing standing snags and makes it possible to take much heavy fuel from the land which could cause fires to generate heat and spread. Lands are left in better shape to reforest once the heavy logs, snags, windfalls, and broken logs are removed.

"Everybody gains from this newest conservation move," he said. "Some of this material comes from trees killed over half a century ago by fire."



PRISONERS GO THROUGH MANEUVERS—Communist prisoners of war go through maneuvers with long tent poles in their compound on Koji island. Despite increased security measures, the prisoners go through drills, fly North Korean and Russian flags. (AP Wire-photo)

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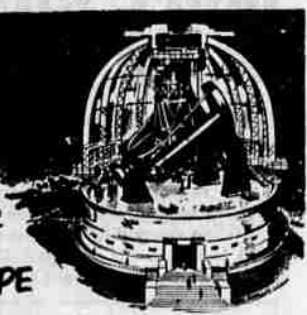
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