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WOODLOT STATUS

By Charles V. Stanton

Douglas County farmers sold forest products amounting to \$4,630,000 in 1950. Only Lane County farmers had higher sales. They received \$7,390,000. Linn County was third in line with \$3,040,000.

The report on revenue from small woodlots is made by the Federal Cooperative Extension Service of Oregon State College. It is contained in a statistical yearbook covering county, district and state estimates of cash receipts from farm and other small holdings in 1950.

The booklet reports that total forest products sales from Oregon woodlots amounted to \$14,669,000 in 1951, as compared with \$11,831,000 in 1950. This indicates that the break down of the 1951 sales will probably show Douglas County's farm woodlot income to have been in excess of \$5,000,000 for that year.

Indicative of how the farm woodlot is coming into its own as a source of revenue is the year-by-year report for Oregon as a whole: \$2,521,000 in 1944; \$2,203,000 in 1945; \$3,772,000 in 1946; \$6,858,000 in 1947; \$7,102,000 in 1949.

Douglas County revenue, listed in five-year intervals, shows \$66,528 in 1934; \$56,592 in 1939; \$97,044 in 44, and \$730,396 in 1949. Comparing these past figures with \$4,630,000 in 1950, and an estimate of approximately \$5,000,000 for 1951, gives some idea of how important the small woodlot is becoming in our industrial picture.

Future Changes Indicated

Currently, the report reveals, Oregon's farm woodlot resource is going principally into sawlogs—82.2 percent, in fact. Veneer logs and bolts take 6.7 percent of volume. Pulpwood logs and pulpwood bolts account for 5.9 percent. Other outlets include cooperage logs and bolts, shingle logs and bolts, fuelwood, piling, poles, posts, etc.

Considering the fact that the market for pulp logs is limited to only a very small area, the 5.9 percent showing is especially interesting.

The pulp industry is growing by leaps and bounds. New uses for pulp are being found almost daily. The future of the farm woodlot, we believe, is definitely tied in with the pulp industry. A market for pulp logs permits the owner of the small woodlot to grow his timber on a sustained yield program. He has an outlet for culls, thinnings, etc., while still growing potential sawlogs to maturity. Each thinning, experience shows, increases rate of growth on the remainder of the stand. As the pulp industry invades all timber producing areas of Oregon, as it eventually will, the farm woodlot will be a vital part of the supply.

Douglas County has the largest farm woodlot acreage in western Oregon, 306,737 acres, as compared with 219,139 acres in Lane County. Yet Lane County in 1950 had considerably higher revenue from its smaller acreage. This undoubtedly resulted in part from the fact that Lane County has an outlet through a pulp mill.

Management Plan Essential

Douglas County took an important forward step a few months ago when it employed an Extension Service forester who is devoting full time to the job of assisting Douglas County small woodlot owners in management planning.

Naturally many of our woodlots are overripe and should be cut for saw timber and the land utilized for new growth. Many of our farms contain submarginal lands which can well be planted to forests. During the first few years, through a program of close planting, revenue may be derived from sale of Christmas trees. By the time trees grow too large for holiday sale, we should have a pulp industry to which thinnings may be sold at frequent intervals while trees grow to maturity. Many of our woodlots can even now be placed on a sustained yield plan, giving annual crop income to the farmer.

We tend in our minds to separate the timber industry from the agricultural industry. They are, however, very tightly related. Trees today are a crop and should be grown and harvested as a crop. More and more in the future the industry will be looking to farm woodlots as a source of supply.

This fact is recognized in the OSC farm forest products yearbook, which concludes that woodlot "timber is being cut at a much faster rate than public or other private timber because it is more accessible and very little of it is under long-term management."

In the light of this report and the future outlook for industrial use, it behooves Douglas County farm woodlot owners, we believe, to make full use of the service now provided for management of their asset.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
by Vidnett Martin—PO Box 874, Drain, Or.

It amuses Mrs. Bitwuns to see the game that goes on between Al-gernon and — let me see, what is the name of the Bitwuns' cat? It is a lot like ours. Her name is — oh, I know. Ditto! Algernon, stretched out on the davenport with the News-Review as a barricade, and Ditto determined to edge her way in front of that paper, first with a probing paw then a head, then, if successful, and the paper falls, she purrs loudly and triumphantly. — only to be shoved unceremoniously back behind the paper again.

"Art Ritter was telling me" said Mr. Bitwuns, lowering his guard a moment, "that they sure have been pulling in the steelhead all along the river whenever they hit the right place this past week." Ditto, loudly purring, was sitting on top of the paper by now, ramming her head against Mr. Bitwuns' hand as a hint she would like it scratched. He obliged.

"I don't see how in the world fish can see bait in that muddy water!" Mrs. Bitwuns laid down her book. "The Swimming Pool," by Mary Roberts Rhinehart, a first rate whodunnit, a kind of reading she finds very restful now and then. State Library book.

Ditto, now shoved at arm's length by Mr. Bitwuns, who would have the onlooker believe the cat annoys him, was gratified at signs of life from the direction of Mrs. Bitwuns. She jumped from the davenport, to land on Mrs. B's ankles. A move would have meant a snagged stocking, so Mrs. B. merely shrieked. Outraged, Ditto hopped back to her former position and began to make a subtle attack on the fenced-off region behind the News-Review.

"Art said the water is clearing up," said Mr. Bitwuns. "Said the game warden came along, checking licenses and so on, and he said steelhead were 'all over the bank. Everybody catching the limit,' especially in the eddies above Scottsburg. Huh? Oh, they use fresh salmon eggs, of course, for bait. Darn this cat. A fellow can't read with her ramming her head under the paper all the time!"

"Huh?" Mr. Bitwuns inquired. Ditto went into action and won out. "Oh, sure," Art said he keeps his bait that way — darn this cat! — and so will we, next time we get any!"

The Old Artilleryman's Last Salute



November Sales Of Defense Bonds Reveal Decline

Series E defense bond sales during November dipped nine percent below the corresponding period of a year ago, according to George Luoma, County defense bond chairman.

Total E bond sales throughout the state amounted to \$1,664,564. Douglas County sales were \$34,469. State-wide purchases in all series defense bonds were just under two million dollars.

Luoma stated that defense bond sales must increase considerably both in Oregon and throughout the nation if the Treasury Department's job of refinancing the national debt is to be made easier.

"Tentative goals for 1953 call for defense bond sales of over \$5½ billion, considerably above this year's sales," he said.

"Enlarging payroll savings participation by 1½ million workers, intensifying promotional sales efforts among farmers and professional people, and encouraging limit investment by all types of investors except commercial banks will be emphasized during the continuous sales campaign."

"All series defense bonds," Luoma pointed out, "are now as attractive — and in many cases more so — as any riskless form of savings and investment the average person can find. Aside from the intrinsic value of individual bond holders of defense bonds, their continuous sale is still important to our government — and will be as long as we are in any form of a defense economy."

Luoma requested everyone to begin putting now a portion of his savings regularly in defense bonds and encouraged investors to examine their portfolios before the year ends with the view in mind of purchasing either the E and H defense bonds, or the J and K series.

Patterson's Senate Seat Due Educator

FOREST GROVE — Walter Giersbach, president of Pacific University, is the Republican favorite to succeed Paul Patterson as state senator from Washington County.

The county Republican Central Committee recommended him Thursday night, after Pacific University trustees said they would grant him a leave of absence for the legislative session. Earlier the trustees said they could not spare him.

The Washington County Court, which will take up the matter of appointing a successor to Patterson next Wednesday, is expected to follow the committee's recommendation. Giersbach is chairman of the county Republican committee.

Patterson took over as governor earlier this week.

FOG DEATH TOLL 1500

LONDON — The recent record fog that blacked out London killed up to 1,500 Britons, a government spokesman indicated Thursday.

Health Minister Ian Macleod told the House of Commons deaths in London during the foggy week, which ended Dec. 13 totalled 4,703 compared with 1,852 the corresponding week of 1951.

Displays Of New Models Highlights Week's Activity In Automobile Industry

By HARRY ELLIOTT NEWS SERVICE

The automotive world was spotted with highlights this past week.

Interest fell heavily on new car models. Showrooms were crowded over the weekend as new cars came out in increasing numbers.

Latest to make their appearances were Ford, Mercury and Hudson. Willys Overland Motors, Inc., announced details of its new line to be shown this week and Dodge brought out some new trucks, some in the lighter weight line carrying self-shifting transmissions.

The Ford and Mercury cars commemorated Ford Motor Company's fiftieth anniversary. They were brought out with no increases in present prices.

A highspot of the 1953 Ford is the new "miracle ride," described by dealers as "bringing to the high volume field for the first time the smooth riding characteristics of much heavier, higher priced cars."

Ford again in 1953 is offering a wide variety and choice of power combinations, safety features and color selections. Both V-8 and six cylinder engines are offered with three transmissions — conventional, overdrive and Fordomatic.

Mercury Styling Changes

Like the Ford, the 1953 Mercury has styling changes designed to give it a lower, wider appearance. A two-position door check on the doors of all models is a feature. This extra door stop position, dealers here said, is safer and more convenient. Doors can be held in half open position as well as in the standard full open position.

Hudson Motor Car Company made its venture into 1953 with three series of cars — the "Hor-net," the "Wasp" and the "Super Wasp," a new addition this time. The latter two are in the lower priced field. Still another Hudson to come and in the still lower priced field is the "Jet" upon which production is scheduled early in 1953.

Willys Cuts Prices
Willys will show its cars this week. A big development is the announcement prices have been reduced from \$88 to \$185.

The new line marks Willys-Overland's fiftieth year of operations. Its "golden jubilee" line includes a hardtop convertible, known as the "Aero Eagle."

Initial showings will be of the four door deluxe "Aero Lark," the hardtop and a new style series, called the "Aero Falcon." Other models will be introduced in January.

The Dodge trucks, new in the B-4 series, have increased power, three new engines, improved brakes and a self-shifting transmission for some light models. All in all, the Dodge division of Chrysler Corporation added up to 50 new features and improvements in the B-4 series of Dodge "job-rated" trucks.

Pontiac is the only General Motors Division to so far show its 1953 cars. They were introduced at unchanged to lower prices. The lower prices apply to the station wagons, dropped from \$28 to slightly more than \$100. No official details have been announced for other GM car showings.

Price Line Held
A quick run-down shows a solid front against prices increases. Holding the line so far are Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Plymouth, Packard, Kaiser-Fraser, Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, Hudson, Pontiac and Willys-Overland. In some cases price cuts were effected.

Still to be introduced are Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Chevrolet, Nash and Studebaker 1953 models. The feeling is these car makers all will keep the prices at the same 1952 levels. With the numerous improvements placed into the 1953 cars, the hold-the-line policy virtually amounts to a price reduction.

The lumber industry, seeking a portion of the motor vehicle market has developed an all-wood army truck-body. Developed by Timmer Engineering Company, Washington, in cooperation with Army

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onto some railroad tracks, parked it, walked away a short distance and watched while a train smashed into it and destroyed it.

Then he muttered: "Now I won't have to drive my wife to work."

Sequel:
He was collared by the cops and charged with ignoring a railroad crossing danger signal.

I hope they toss him in the clink and LEAVE HIM THERE.

That would kill two birds with one stone. From his own private standpoint, he still wouldn't have to drive his wife to work and from the public standpoint it would take him out of circulation.

In New Delhi, India, the Indian parliament has voted overwhelming approval of Prime Minister Nehru's five-year plan for raising the country's standard of living. The plan calls for spending almost four and a half BILLION dollars for expanding India's industrial, commercial and cultural facilities.

Cynical question:
Who do you reckon, will eventually be expected to put up the bulk of the dough?

I wouldn't know, of course, but I'll lay a little bet that sooner or later an old gentleman with chin whiskers, wearing a high hat and skinny striped pants strapped under the instep of his boots, will be tapped on the shoulder and addressed in something like these words:

"Here's your chance, Bud, to DO SOME GOOD IN THE WORLD."

I suppose I ought to be ashamed of it, but I can't help being suspicious of this guy Nehru.

For one thing, he's just too darned handsome. Men as good looking as that nearly always seem to fizzle out in the pinches. Maybe they don't like to get their clothes mussed and dirty. Maybe they fear that hard work and heavy responsibilities adequately lived up to will draw lines in their faces that won't look good in their photographs.

They seem to wind up expecting somebody else to do the work while they stand off to one side looking elegant and aristocratic and taking all the credit.

There was Stephen, the great-grandson of William the Conqueror. He was so handsome that women swooned when he passed by. On top of that, he was a tailor's clothes-horse. His manners were WONDERFUL. There came a boggle in the royal succession, and because everybody admired him so much he was made King of England.

He made a royal mess of everything, including involving his country in 19 years of bloody war that took the England of the 12th century back to barbarism, and in the end it was stocky, bull-necked, hard-riding, REALISTIC Henry II that yanked the nation back onto the tracks again and got it going.

Anyway, I can't help keeping my fingers crossed on Nehru.

Among other things, he's INTELLIGENTIA-plus.

After 20 years of the New Deal, I'm getting suspicious of the intelligentsia.

Ike May Give Congress First Agenda In Person

NEW YORK — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower may outline his legislative program to Congress personally in a special message after his inauguration Jan. 20, Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.) said Thursday.

Martin, prospective speaker of the house in the new Republican-controlled Congress, made the statement to newsmen after a conference with Eisenhower.

With Martin at the meeting at Eisenhower headquarters were Reps. Charles Halleck (R-Ind.), in line to be House floor leader, and Leslie C. Arenas (R-Ill.), who probably will be assistant floor leader.

Martin said Eisenhower now is considering whether to go before Congress after his inauguration to set forth his legislative program.

Martin added such a message would be in the nature of a report on the state of the union.

Martin said, in reply to a question, the meeting did not deal directly with such subjects as reduction of taxes.

"We've got to see about reducing spending before we get around to taxes," the Massachusetts lawmaker declared.

He added that, while a balanced federal budget is the main objective of the new Congress, "I am not precluding any tax reduction."

Martin said the budget Congress receives from the White House in advance of Eisenhower's inauguration next month will be "a Truman budget—not really a Republican budget."

Steel Output Hike Spells More Autos And Trucks

WASHINGTON — Auto makers have been promised more steel in the first three months of next year to build 175,000 more cars and trucks—probably their full authorization of 1½ million autos and 315,000 trucks.

The Defense Production Administration Thursday earmarked 550,000 tons of steel, of which the auto industry got 353,000 tons. The rest will go to makers of such civilian goods as refrigerators, lawnmowers, farm and garden equipment.

ALIMONY BANNED

BERLIN — The Supreme Court of Communist East Germany has barred alimony and support money for divorced women.

The court said women in the East Zone have equal rights in employment, get paid as much as men for the same kind of work and therefore do not deserve any special consideration when a marriage breaks up.

Hours Set For Elkton's New Community Library

By E. L. KING

The new Elkton Community Library, located in the Methodist Church, will be open Thursdays from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Book donations to the library will be gratefully received.

Choir Practice Saturday
The community Christmas program choir that has been meeting Mondays and Fridays at the Methodist Church will meet at the high school gymnasium for its final practice Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

It is requested that all singers who have sung or who would like to sing in the adult choir be present.

Carol Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thomas, is doing nicely after her recent illness.

Christmas Program Sunday
The community church and school Christmas musical program will be held at the Elkton High School gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Sunday instead of at the grade school as formerly planned. The program is open to the public.

BEEF PRICES DROP

PORTLAND — Beef prices dropped on the Portland wholesale market again Thursday, going down as much as 4 cents a pound.

The federal market news reporter, Theodore T. Swenson, said choice steer beef was 40 to 45 cents a pound, the lowest quotation in three years. It was 18 cents under ceiling price.

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