

Farm Forest Facts

By ED GILDEN
County Extension Forester
 Growing timber is only profitable if we do a good job of selling. We may do all the recommended forest management practices; but, if we don't sell wisely we're "hurt-in."
 Carl Messing of Glde who is doing a good job believes most timber landowners do not receive the full value. Carl says, "Landowners have been raising, protecting, and paying taxes on their timber a long time. They should be entitled to the biggest share of the returns."
 Carl is taking a lesson from some of the large timber operators in

his selling methods. Instead of selling stumpage, i.e., so much for the tree on the stump, he is paying the logger by the thousand board feet for delivering the logs to the mill. "I've tried a lot of selling methods," Carl says, "but this one has proved the most satisfactory for me." He finds this method of selling requires more supervision but pays good dividends.

Why shouldn't the timber owner get extra money for higher priced logs? There is very little extra cost to the operator for handling the more valuable logs. Having the logger work for you at so much a thousand is one way. There are other methods that require less supervision. Take the per cent of the selling price method. This consists of the landowner receiving stumpage according to the value of the logs sold. If high priced logs are sold, a higher percentage is received.

An example may show you how this method works a little better. Say you decide on 35 per cent of the selling price as a fair stumpage price for No. 3 peeders. With No. 3's selling for \$60 that would mean a return of \$21 for the timber owner. Another example might be used with camp run sawlogs. You have agreed with the logger that you will sell for 30 per cent of the selling price. Camp run sawlogs sell around \$34 per thousand so that gives you \$10.20 per thousand for the sawlogs. All selling methods have some advantages and disadvantages. The per cent of selling price seems to me to be the fairest to both the timber owner and the logger.

In the recent mimeographed Timber Sales Contract Check List prepared by the Douglas County Farm Forestry Committee, they discuss the various methods of selling timber. You may obtain a copy of this Timber Sales Contract Check List from the County Agent's office.

The list also included information on the points that should be in a written sales contract. If you are planning to sell your timber I think you will find this check list helpful to you.

End To Empire Of French Seen In Indochina Retreat

By LARRY ALLEN
SINGAPORE (AP) — French withdrawal from the southern sectors of the Red River Delta looks like the beginning of the end for that strategic area — and possibly for all of Indochina.

The Delta, long regarded by the French and most Western powers as the main bastion against the sweep of Communism into the rest of Indochina and Southeast Asia, is crumbling in huge blocks. The war against the Communist-led Vietminh, now in its eighth year, may end with a cease-fire giving the rebels Northern Indochina as their peace prize, or they may take the area by smashing the French. In either event, it would be difficult to find anyone

who believes that would content Vietnam's chief Ho Chi Minh. Most observers — French, Vietnamese and foreign — are convinced he will have all of Indochina in a very short time, regardless of any line drawn by the Geneva conference, once the final chapter is written in the delta.

The French high command says the pull-out from the rich southern areas of the delta region was necessary to strengthen the defenses against an expected "human sea" assault along the Hanoi-Haiphong railroad and highway.

An enclave 64 miles long between Hanoi and the port of Haiphong and less than 30 miles deep on each side of the road and rail line is being bolstered with thousands

of French Union troops. But there seemed little hope the less than 100 French battalions can hold out long even in the enclave against a big Vietminh attack.

When the Vietminh hit, they can use six to eight Red Chinese trained and equipped divisions, including the four which smashed the French Union fortress of Dien Bien Phu. Aiding them will be 100,000 Vietminh regular, regional and guerrilla soldiers who long have been making it tough for the French to hold onto the delta defenses.

These may be joined by tens of thousands of Vietnamese civilians who never had any love for the French.

LONG NON-STOP FLIGHT
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Three Air Force B-47 bombers have returned from a record-breaking nonstop flight to Japan, covering the 6,700-mile distance in 15 hours.

The stratojets left here June 21 for Tokyo and required three refuelings in flight while making the longest nonstop jet flight in history.

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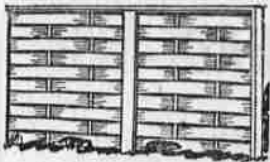
PROTEST FLUORIDE
CHICAGO (AP) — A citizens group opposed to fluoridation of Chicago's drinking water is seeking 500,000 signatures to submit the question for a referendum in November.

The City Council last month approved a program to add fluoride

compounds to Chicago's water as means of reducing tooth decay in children.

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Duncan Lumber Now Building

By MRS. GEORGE EDES
 The Duncan Lumber Co. is currently raising a new building north of Yoncalla.

When completed, the building will house supplies and a retail lumber sales outlet. It is located across the tracks and highway from the Duncan Lumber Co. mill.

Breaks Bone
 Little Rickey Hall, 3 1/2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hall, broke his collarbone Wednesday afternoon when he fell off the porch at the home of Mrs. Les Morris. The boy was taken to the Cottage Grove Hospital. He is recuperating at his home now.

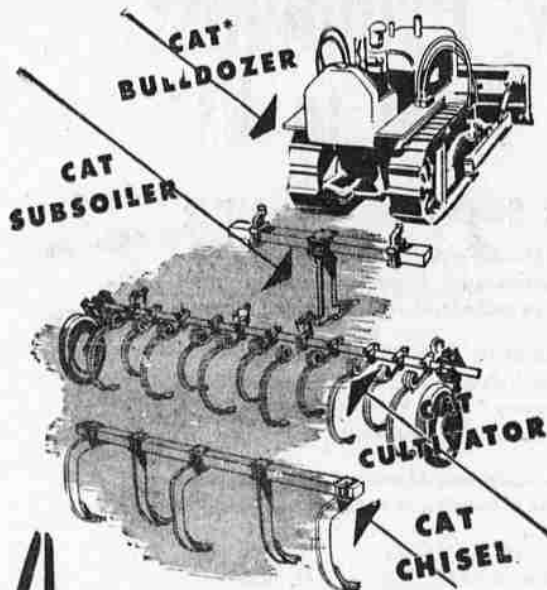
Mr. and Mrs. B. Mallory of La Grande visited at the Tom Mason home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lane have purchased a ranch owned by Mrs. Archie Thomas. They have taken possession. Mrs. Thomas has gone to Redding, Calif., to spend the summer with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gratz are building a new garage and woodshed on the rear of his lot north of town.

Guests at the Roy Dodd Sr. home are Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bice of Mt. Carmel, Ill. Bice and Dodd are half brothers.

Bob Lambdin of Longview, Wash. is visiting his mother and sister for a few days before going to Oakland, Calif., to visit two other sisters.



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